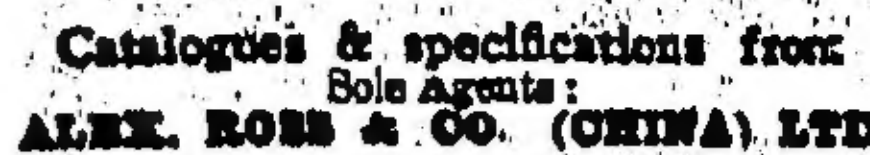


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THE DOLLAR.
To-day's closing rate 2/3 15/16
To-day's opening rate 2/3 15/16



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HONGKONG.**

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MOTOR CAR CLUB

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Confirmation of this important capture was forthcoming in telegraphic message received from the Hongkong office of the Chinese Telegraph Administration.

Until the arrival at Sheklung of the necessary junks and other war material, it is not expected that

The Duke and Duchess of York leave England for Their African Tour.—A charming snapshot of the Duke and Duchess of York who have left London for their tour in Africa, which will include big game shooting.

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NOT GOOD AFTER FEBRUARY 21st, 1925

TERMS VERY MODERATE
Consultation Free

Two or three of the scouting aeroplanes are reported to have been despatched to the front, but no intelligence has been received of their having gone into action.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$50,000,000
ISSUED AND FULLY PAID UP \$20,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:—
STERLING.....\$4,000,000
SILVER.....\$25,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$20,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
W. L. Patten, Esq., Chairman.
R. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
R. D. P. Bell, Esq., J. A. Patten, Esq.,
W. H. Bell, Esq., T. G. West, Esq.,
Hon. Mr. P. H. Ho, Esq., G. M. Young, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
A. H. BARLOW, Esq.
Manager, Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:
Westminster Bank, Ltd.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1924.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed calendar month at 3½ per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital.....\$3,000,000
Reserve Fund.....\$2,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$2,500,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager,
Hongkong, May 8, 1923.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE: 66, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.
Subscribed Capital.....Fr. 12,000,000
Paid-up Capital.....Fr. 6,000,000
Reserve Fund.....Fr. 5,000,000

BRANCHES:
Bangkok, Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, Credit Industriel et Commercial, Societe Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co., French American Banking Corporation, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager,
Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

Established 1880.
Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund.....Yen 75,000,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

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Batavia, Bombay, Buenos Ayres, Calcutta, Canton, Changchun, Dairen (Dai-ry), Fongtien (Mukden), Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Nagasaki, Nagoya, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
C. ARIMA,
Manager,
Hongkong, 27th October, 1924.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE, CO.

The ordinary annual general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held on Saturday at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Henry Humphreys presided and there were also present Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Very Rev. Father Robert, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Directors), Mr. G. Rapp, (Secretary), and Messrs. D. E. Clarke, M. Manuk, C. Bernard Brown and M. A. Razack (Shareholders).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—The report and statement of accounts, with the Auditors' Report, having been in your hands for the past nine days, I will, with your permission take them up now. The net profit for the year is \$162,627.91, which your Directors regard as satisfactory, considering there were no property sales during the period under review. I trust you will approve of the Directors' recommendation as shown in the report regarding the distribution of profits, which with \$158,239.32 brought forward from last year amounts to \$320,857.23. You will notice that Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund is less by \$6,977.39. This represents damage caused to our May Road property in 1923. A similar amount has been written back out of the profit this year, which will bring this Fund up to the total \$60,000 again. I do not think there is anything that calls for further comment from me at the meeting, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. After this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Razack, the reports and accounts were unanimously adopted. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Bernard Brown, that Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Patten, the Rev. Father Robert, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie be re-elected Directors for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed to. Mr. H. Percy Smith and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$250 each, on the proposal of Mr. Manuk, seconded by Mr. Clarke. The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-day.

PHILIPPINES TRADE.
INCREASE REPORTED FOR LAST YEAR.
Partial report from the bureau of customs, Manila, says a contemporary, shows that the foreign and domestic trade of the Philippines for 1924 amounted to P. 486,701,110 compared with P. 416,932,074 for 1923, an increase of P. 69,769,036. The balance of trade for 1924 was in favour of the Philippines by P. 54,658,550 the imports amounting to P. 216,021,780, while the exports amounted to P. 270,679,330. The complete report for Dec. 1924 was made public recently by the bureau of customs. The total trade for that month amounted to P. 43,260,425 as against P. 41,903,664 for the corresponding month in 1923. The December balance of trade was in favour of the islands in 1924 in the sum of more than P. 9,000,000. The report shows that sugar exports during December totalled 33,759,750 kilos, valued at P. 6,610,736, as compared with 25,605,178 kilos in 1923, valued at P. 6,518,737. Centrifugal sugar shipped during December amounted to 32,283,436 kilos, valued at P. 6,099,614, of which 32,283,401 kilos, valued at P. 6,099,594, went to the United States, and the rest, a very negligible amount, went to the Dutch East Indies. Raw sugar, totalling 1,228,664 kilos, valued at P. 140,722, went entirely to China. British East Indies and Hongkong, the first mentioned country obtaining 670,734 kilos. To the United States, 248,050 kilos of refined sugar were exported in December, 1924. Hemp exported during the month under review totalled 15,600,492 kilos, valued at P. 7,391,140 in 1924 against 10,905,061 kilos, valued at P. 5,187,772 in 1923. In quantity, the hemp exports in December showed a slight decrease. Decreases were also noted in the exports of other fibres.

During December, 1924, the Philippines exported 33,615,733 units, as compared with 19,296,349 for the same month in 1923; cigarettes, 13,999,800, 1924; 6,221,400, 1923; tobacco leaf, 2,280,610, 1924; 5,520,346, 1923. The total value of tobacco products exported in December, 1924, amounted to P. 2,431,598, as against P. 2,721,896. The largest quantity of illuminating oil (petroleum) imported during 1924 was brought in during December when P. 1,047,335 worth was shipped to the islands, as compared with P. 1,047,335 for the same month in 1923.

BACK TO GOLD.
London, February 8.
In an article in the "Observer" favouring the return to the gold standard, Mr. Philip Snowden, the ex-Chancellor, says that it seems not improbable that the present margin of needed recovery to bring sterling to parity with the gold dollar will be covered without deliberate Government interference, but there will not be stability in the recovery without the fulfilment of three conditions, namely, the removal of the embargo on gold, the free minting of gold at a standard price, and the convertibility of the paper pound.

All the dangers and uncertainties of unstable currency will remain if sterling reaches parity, unless it is permanently stabilised by being placed on a gold basis. Mr. Snowden admits there are risks, but is of the opinion that they must be borne for the sake of the benefits which success will bring in the stabilisation of currencies. There is no need to wait for the rectification of the trade balance, he states, since stable currency is one of the essentials of a healthy state of trade. Mr. Snowden emphasises the importance of co-operation with the United States and believes that England's example will result in a general return to the gold standard.—Reuter.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor report:—We have had a good market during the past week and a large amount of business has been put through, some of the favourite Stocks showing a considerable rise. The Shanghai market has also been firm with a strong demand for Shanghai Docks and New Engineering. The following are the principal alterations since last week:—Hongkong Banks:—Continue strong with buyers at \$1.200 with few if any sellers. Unions:—Are rather easier and have come to business at \$258 to \$259. Cantons:—Are quiet with sellers at \$75. Hotels:—Are steadier at the decline with buyers at \$7½ for Old and \$16.10 for the New shares. Hongkong Lands:—A good many shares have changed hands at declining prices, closing with sellers at \$107½ cash and \$108½ for March. Humphreys:—Are on offer at \$22½. Cements:—After firming up to \$28½ cash, are easier at the close with sellers at \$28 for the Combined shares. Wharves:—Are very quiet with buyers at \$209 without attracting sellers. Hongkong Docks:—Are easier and have come to business at \$151 for March. Shanghai Docks:—Are strong and have risen to a buying rate of Tis. 109½ and more would be paid. Hongkong Electric:—Have had a sharp rise, and are in strong demand with buyers at \$48 cash and \$49 for March. Hongkong Tramways:—Are steady at \$54 to \$54½. China Sugars:—Have firmed up to a buying rate of \$85, but few if any shares are obtainable. China Providents:—Are firm at quotations, the Old shares having come to business at \$17. China Lights:—Are rather quiet and could probably be obtained at \$26 cash for Combined shares. Dairy Farms:—Have sellers at \$26½. Steamboats:—Are firm and have been done at \$39 cash and \$39½ for March. Star Ferries:—Are in strong demand and there are buyers for the split shares at \$7½ cash and \$7½ for March. Lane Crawfords:—Are wanted at \$19.10. Taxists:—Have risen to a buying rate of \$23½ without attracting sellers. London Quotations of the 5th inst.:—Hongkong, Banks \$145; Indos Deferred \$13; Shells \$4.15; All middle prices. Exchange:—The demand selling rate on London is 23.15/16 and the T. on Shanghai is Tis. 73½.

KAIPING COAL.

SUPPLIES SEIZED BY MILITARY.

A Peking telegram of January 22 stated:—The Kaiping Mining Administration, owing to a certain misunderstanding, has notified the Peking-Mukden Railway administration at Tientsin refusing to send any more Kaiping coal to Peking after the 21st instant. The general agent of the Kaiping Mining Corporation furnishes no reason for the cessation of the coal transportation to Peking, so that Mr. Tang Wen-ko, a Director of the Kaiping Mining Corporation, has been instructed to take the matter up with the said company at once. The non-arrival of the Kaiping coal which is not

BACK TO GOLD.

only required partially by the foreign and native residents of the capital, will seriously affect the business of the Peking Electric Light and Power Company as well as the various Legations and also certain big industrial works. During the period of threatened coal famine in Peking, the decision of the Kaiping Mining Administration to stop its supply of Kaiping coal is regarded in official circles as rather serious because it may affect the welfare of the metropolitan residents and business people. The question is under discussion between the traffic department of the Kin-Feng Railway and the Kaiping Administration in Tientsin. The Kin-Feng Railway is supplying three hundred 40-ton wagons daily for the sole transportation of the Kaiping and Lingai coals; but the major portions of the products of the mines have been transported to Tientsin and Chingwangtiao while Peking has been neglected. According to an official statement, six hundred and eighty tons of coal were transported to the capital by the Kin-Feng Line on the 20th instant, while the Kin-Feng transported only five hundred tons of Honan and Shanxi anthracite coal to Peking yesterday.

AN EXPLANATION.

The explanation of the action of the Kaiping Mining Administration (says the Peking and Tientsin Times) is perfectly simple. It is true that 300 cars are supposed to have been earmarked for coal transportation. They are constantly being seized by the military, however. And to deal with 300 cars, in any case, requires the continuous service of at least eight locomotives. Frequently only three engines are available. Consequently when a trainload of coal is despatched to Peking as much as eight days may elapse before the cars are returned to the mines. It is obviously impossible, in these circumstances, to ensure a regular supply of Kaiping coal to Peking. If there is any understanding it is to the militarists—to Marshal Chang Tso-lin in this instance—that protests should be addressed, the railway officials are powerless.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, February 9th, 1925.

On London.....\$2-1/2

Bank Wire.....\$2-1/2

On demand.....\$2-1/2

30 days sight.....\$2-1/2

60 days sight.....\$2-1/2

90 days sight.....\$2-1/2

On New York.....\$1-1/2

On demand.....\$1-1/2

On Bombay.....\$1-1/2

On Calcutta.....\$1-1/2

On Singapore.....\$1-1/2

On Manila.....\$1-1/2

On Shanghai.....\$1-1/2

On demand.....\$1-1/2

30 days sight (private paper).....\$1-1/2

On demand.....\$1-1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola).....\$1-1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate).....\$1-1/2

Silver (per tola).....\$1-1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 60 cents sub.....\$1-1/2

" 10 ".....\$1-1/2

" 5 ".....\$1-1/2

Canton 100 cents sub.....\$1-1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong.....\$1-1/2

Chinese Copper Cash.....\$1-1/2

Chinese Copper Cents.....\$1-1/2

Rate of Native Interest.....\$1-1/2

Chinese Sub. Coin.....\$1-1/2

Hongkong Sub. Coin.....\$1-1/2

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VISITORS AT HOTELS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

February 7.

Mr. L. Adler, Miss M. A. and F.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hamilton

Mr. R. G. Altkon, Mr. G. P. Harriman

Mr. W. M. Allen, Mr. W. D. Hawes

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harson

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Mr. A. G. de ROCHA
at his Sales Room, No. 2 D'Almeida Street.
ON MONDAY
the 23rd day of February, 1925
at 3 o'clock p.m.
For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to
Mr. A. el ARCUILLI,
Mortgagee's Solicitor,
or to
Mr. A. G. de ROCHA,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd day of February 1925.

NOTICE
STORAGE space on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese House to let from 31st December.
W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD.,
Kowloon Bay.
Hongkong, November 3, 1924.

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INTIMATIONS.
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January, to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1925.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 21st February, 1925, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 9th February, to Saturday, the 21st February, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

NOTICE.
THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3 p.m., SATURDAY, February 14th, 1925, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 7th February, to Saturday, 14th February, 1925 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG-PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 31, 1925.

INTIMATIONS.
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex on TUESDAY, February 10th, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd January, 1925.

By Order of
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.
February 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

TICKETS of admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, or at the Gate. Price—\$3.00, per day.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform \$1.00 per day.
No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.
L. N. STEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.
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MEMBERS Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925.

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RACE MEETING 1925.
February 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

The Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925.

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RACE MEETING 1925.
February 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.
February 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.


A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Saturday the 14th of February, 1925—Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

L. N. STEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925.

RAJAB ABDOL CURREEM, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having claims against the Estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned, Solicitors for the Executors, before the 28th February, 1925.

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INTIMATIONS.
HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1925.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 26th February, 1925, at the Hon. Secretary's office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors will send in their entries as early as possible. Schedules are now being printed and will be posted at an early date.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and all those who wish to join the SOCIETY are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary Mr. E. B. C. Hornell c/o Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of Hongkong Tramways Limited, will be closed from Saturday, 14th February to Friday, 27th February, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1925.

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MR. W. S. BROWN has retired from this Company as from to-day, and Mr. FREDERICK HARRY CRANELL has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors,
B. D. F. BEITH,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1925.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL,
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on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th,
at 6 P.M.

Members and Kowloon residents generally are cordially invited to attend.
A. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1925.

NOTICE.
THE SINCERE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. LAM CHAN WAI has relinquished his position as Chief Secretary of The Sincere Co., Ltd., and any acts by him are for his own account for which this company will not be responsible.

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CHURCH NOTES.
THE CREATION.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This is the sublime sentiment with which the Bible opens. Even when we regard the book simply as a monument of literature we find it impossible to conceive a more appropriate introduction than this. Yet the end is not less majestic than the beginning. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away."

How should we approach the study of a book which opens and closes with words of such sublimity? There is a sentence or two in the preface to John Wesley's first volume of sermons, in which the great evangelist gives us the secret of his method of Bible-study. "Here am I," he says, "far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In His presence I open, I read His Book: For this end—to find the way to heaven. Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of Lights. I then search after, and consider parallel passages of Scripture, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. I meditate thereon with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. And what I thus learn, that I teach."

The sentence "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" stands like an archway at the beginning of the Universe. In the beginning of heaven, God: in the beginning of the earth, God: in the beginning of time, God: in the beginning of man, God: in the beginning of salvation, God: Looking back at the universe at the time when the chaotic mists hung across the morning of creation, we see streaking their silvery summits, the infinite word, "God." Looking above us at the stars of the heaven and contemplating their number and magnitude and the power that created and sustains them, we think of "God." Looking forward into the infinite future toward which all are travelling, we meet with "God." The idea of God is the centre of the Spiritual universe. It is the focal point of human thought. It is the answer to the soul's thirst. It is the universal prayer. It is the greatest idea in the world. It is the idea that overwhelms us, that humbles us, that exalts us, that saves us, that inspires us, and that makes us believe in our immortality. It is the keynote to religious progress. "As a man thinks about God so is he."

Satan came once to an Arab in his tent in the desert, and said to him, "How do you know there is a God?" He said, "How do I know whether it was a man or a camel that went by my tent last night?" How did he know which it was? By the footprints. The marks in the sand showed whether it was a man's foot or a camel's foot that had passed his tent. So the Arab said, "That is the way I know God. I know Him by His footprints." These are His footprints that are all around me.

THE TRUTH.
Lo! I have sought, he said, and I have found the truth, and found it not. But yet to me it hath been given. And unto you it hath been brought. This Host of ours our Father is, And we the children He begot.

Upon my brow I felt His kiss. His love is all about my steps. And He would lead us all to bliss; For though He comes in many shapes. His love is throbbing in them all. And from His love no soul escapes. And from His mercy none can fall. W. C. SMITH.

Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet-philosopher, will visit Japan this spring. If an arrangement of the Tohoku University at Sendai is making with him is consummated, informal consent to a visit there has been obtained from Dr. Tagore, it is reported, and a formal invitation asking him to go to Japan to lecture at the University will be sent to him soon. Professor G. Fuse of the Tohoku University, who is in charge of the arrangement, is confident that Dr. Tagore will visit Japan in March or April. The university spokesman states that Dr. Tagore declined the request when asked to deliver lectures at the University last year again in the spring of 1923. Dr. Tagore was reported critically ill when he was in Japan, but promised that he would visit this country while on a tour to South America, but later was reported to have recovered. It is expected that the Indian sage will be asked to deliver lectures for Japanese women at the Tohoku University, and later will visit other leading cities of Japan for a series of lectures.

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PRISONS OF THE FUTURE.
HOME SECRETARY FORESHADOWS REFORMS.

Sir William Johnson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, has announced his intention of carrying out sweeping reforms. Speaking at the Ladies' Imperial Club dinner at the Criterion Restaurant, he said he was appointing a strong committee to try to co-ordinate and deal with the whole question of juvenile offenders, prisons, Borstal institutions, reformatory schools, industrial schools, remand homes, and what not. Sir Evelyn Cecil had consented to become chairman.

"It will be an important committee, a committee which will really revolutionise the whole position of our dealings with the young offenders," he said. He said that last year 62 per cent of men and 83 per cent of women in prison had been there before.

He did not want to make a definite pronouncement, but he could not help saying that the imposition of short terms of imprisonment on either men or women was utterly and entirely useless. There was no possibility of reforming them. They went through the prison door, they stayed a few weeks or months, and came out and went back to their old haunts of crime.

His mind was moving in the direction on the one side of extending the probation system and preventing young people from going into prison by handing them over to the missionary or probation officer in order that they might not be tainted.

On the other hand, there were those hardened criminals, and his mind was certainly moving in the direction of extending the period of the detention of those people who had been over and over again in prison, so as to give them a chance of reforming which they did not get at the present time.

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New York, February 6.—Marcus Garvey, self-styled president of the "African Republic," was arrested last night and taken to prison. A warrant for Garvey's arrest was issued after his failure to surrender for the carrying out of a sentence of five years' imprisonment, which was reaffirmed against him by the Circuit Court of Appeal on Monday last.—Reuter's American Service.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per m.s. "Pomona" remaining undelivered after February 9, will be subject to rent. Agents—Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.
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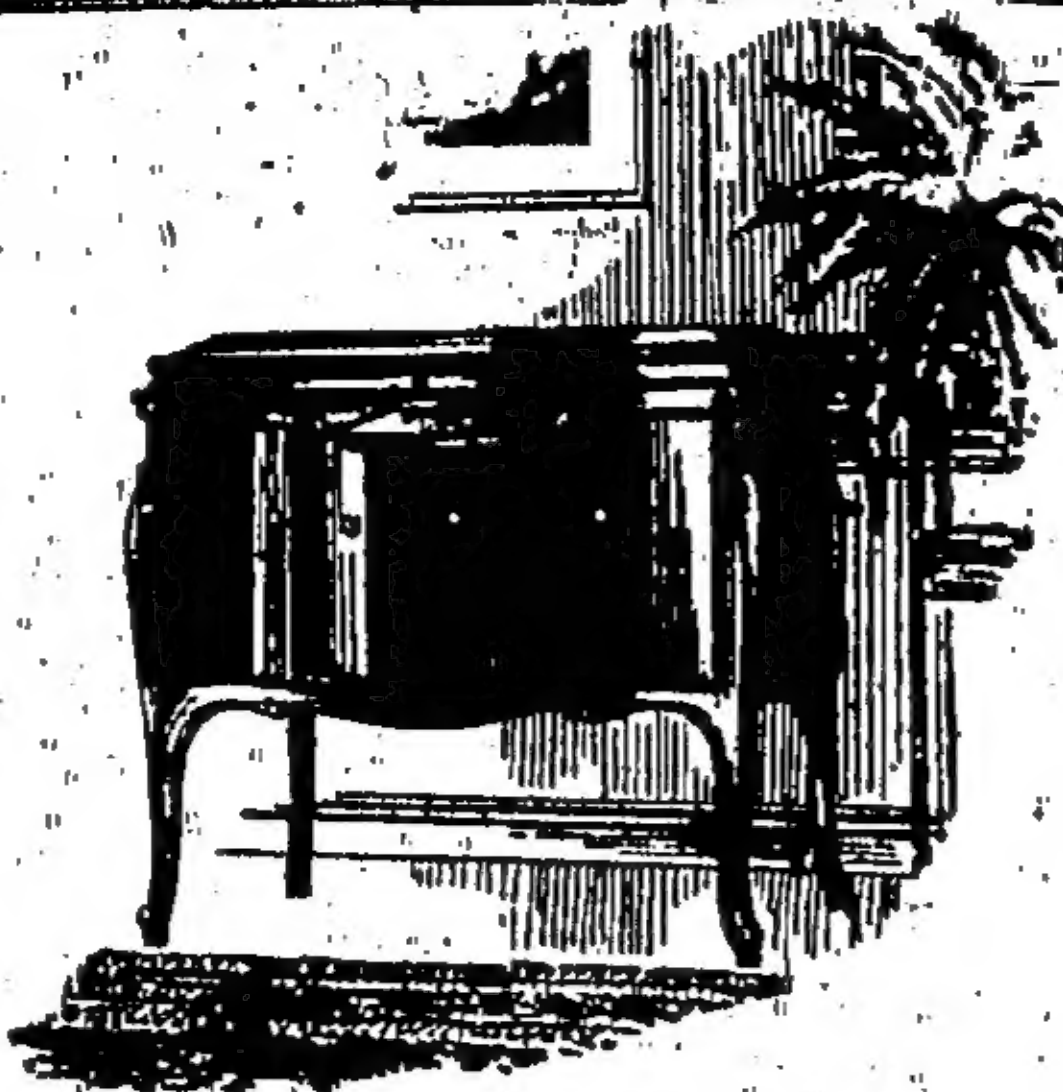
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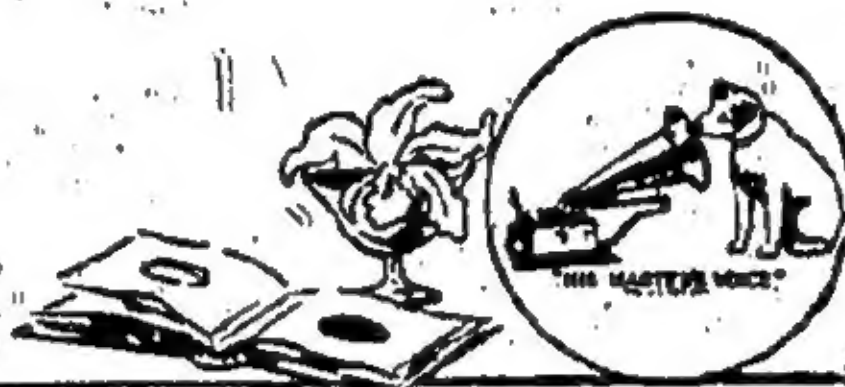
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DEATH.

SILBERMAN.—On February 3,
1925, at Dr. Fearn's Sanita-
rium, Shanghai, Anne
Silberman, wife of Isidor
Silberman, aged 52.

Hongkong, Monday, February 9, 1925.

MONEY TALKS.

The wisdom of Britain's decision to accept America's debt funding offer has soon become apparent. Not only has our prestige increased enormously but our credit has also gained renewed strength. When the agreement was reached two years ago, leading bankers hailed it as the most constructive step since the war and prominent business men predicted that sterling would soon return to normal. That prediction is now on the point of being fulfilled. Moreover the hope Washington official circles expressed that Britain's action would break the vicious circle of world debts is also materialising. Manifestly these outcomes are very gratifying, but they will have been achieved only with very heavy taxation, extra burden still further

oppressing the already sorely tried British people. The simple act of meeting our bond increased taxation at the rate of one pound per head every year for the next sixty odd years, a period which most those who read these words will never see completed. Still, however crushing the burden, however protracted its duration, everyone must agree with the Government of the day that when Britain promised to pay it was worth any sacrifice to redeem her word if the creditor chose to exact the 'promise', and it was worth almost any sacrifice also to maintain friendly relations between the two great English-speaking peoples.

Faced with the heavy extra taxation necessary to vindicate his country's honour, the British taxpayer, however, naturally felt that sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander and began to demand payment of the loans the other Allies owe to Britain.

Amounting to £1,100,000,000, these more than offset Britain's American loan. Moreover, the income from the annual charges—some £70,000,000—gives a £15,000,000 surplus every year over our American interest and sinking fund expenses. Clearly, with Europe in its then parlous condition, Britain could never have hoped to secure full payment of these debts. Hitherto we have not collected one penny and it is doubtful if we shall ever receive payment from some of the debtor nations, though certain British experts claimed, when the American agreement was signed, that it is absurd to suggest France, for one, could pay nothing, while the Bank of France remained in possession of some £225,000,000 of gold—50 per cent. more than our own Bank of England and Currency Notes reserves. Whatsoever her ability to pay, France has repeatedly made it clear that she does not intend to hurry unduly.

M. Poincare, when he was in power, passionately asserting in the Chamber of Deputies that it would be "an intolerable iniquity" for inter-Ally debts to be placed

on the same footing as the German debt.

Now, just as Britain is ready to pay £1,000,000,000 to America for honour's sake, so is she also prepared to waive much of her £1,100,000,000 rights with her Allies as she deems the object likewise worth the sacrifice. More than any other nation except Germany, Britain needs the final return to world economic security. So urgent is this need that we are ready to remit a large part of our claims against the nations whose debts are a big factor in the present uncertain situation provided only that we receive enough to cover our obligations to the United States and that our Allies' annual payments to us in this respect are put on an assured basis. Hence the Note that, as reported in today's cables, Britain is now sent to France. The improved economic conditions which will follow if France accepts our offer in the spirit in which it is made will be ample reward for our leniency. The huge sums we shall forego can be safely written off to the account of general prosperity, not only for the Empire, but in these days of economic inter-dependence, for the whole world.

Rent Restriction.

So far as the tenants are concerned, it may be reasonably expected that the discussion on the Rents Ordinance will be kept among the foremost of current local topics. It would be passing strange, of course, if those most affected passed over in comparative silence a question of so vital importance to themselves. Yet, the history of public affairs is full of examples of public apathy and indifference—until it has been too late to take the desired action. If the public does nothing to help itself, it cannot reasonably complain if certain things are done by the powers that be that would not have been done had the majority of the public views been known beforehand to the Government. In the case of the Rents Ordinance it is the self-protective duty of all tenants affected by its operations to become articulate, to express publicly what is desired, and to influence the votes of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council accordingly. The Government has given the lead to the public in ample time. It has declared that an open discussion will take place at an early date. Should the vote following such discussion, be adverse to the wishes of the majority of tenants, the latter will have to bow to the decision as gracefully as possible and blame the weak points in their own preliminary campaign. The Tenants' Protective Association, as the outcome of last night's meeting, has decided to proceed with a petition to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. That petition, needless to say, ought to be fully representative of the whole community to carry any weight either with the Governor or the Legislative Council. There must be no half and half measures even in the preparation of a petition.

COMPRADORE'S CLAIM.

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IN SUPREME COURT.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

An action against a Hongkong firm for the recovery of \$20,000 by the compradore was heard before Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan in the Supreme Court this morning. Henri Krebs and Co., and Henry Krebs, a partner therein, the defendants, were not represented. The facts were outlined by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., for the plaintiff (Kwok Ping), who also gave evidence.

Under a compradore agreement he had paid \$25,000 into the firm he said; \$5,000 of this had subsequently been refunded and when he left the employ of the firm he gave notice that he considered as his property any balance after claims had been settled.

The firm had replied that they had substantial claims against the plaintiff which they anticipated would be in the region of \$50,000 but neither then nor later did they give particulars and no claim had been made against the plaintiff.

The plaintiff's claim was for a declaration that he was entitled to all monies which on June 27 were held by the Bank of Canton to secure credits opened by the Bank for the defendant firm.

His Lordship allowed the claim.

WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT.

TWO CHINESE ARRESTED.

DRAMATIC STORY OF HOLD-UP.

Following up the clues furnished in a report of an armed robbery perpetrated at the Man Hing firm of No. 40, Lower Macao Row, two Chinese were arrested by the police. In his report the manager of this firm stated that on his return to the shop, after making a deposit of \$800 at the Bank, he found the door closed. On knocking, it was opened by a stranger, and he was suddenly confronted with a pistol, whilst another man drew up alongside with a dagger. The complainant was then bound and gagged, and the robbers secured a sum of money and the safe keys. Opening the safe, a further sum of \$28 was extracted. Whilst the men were engaged in their operations, the brother of the complainant entered the shop, and he was also bound and gagged. One of the robbers is said to have struck up an acquaintanceship with the cook of the place, and gained the information that the safe held a considerable sum of money, but they planned the attack too late. When arrested at Toloana, one of the alleged robbers gave his accomplice away, and a search resulted in the latter also being found.

ROBBERS SCARED.

TOY PISTOL LEFT BEHIND.

A report of an attempted armed robbery at No. 33, Lyndhurst Terrace at 8.30 p.m. yesterday was received by the police to-day, but the robbers apparently took fright and bolted.

In her report, a married woman states that she was seated on a chair when two men entered the room, one of them carrying what appeared to be a pistol. She was pushed off the chair, which fell to the ground. The men waited a little after the noise made by the falling chair, but, scenting danger, they made a sudden bolt. After the men had left, a toy pistol was found on the ground.

INDIAN VICTIMISED.

Another armed robbery is reported by Abdul Hamid Mahmud, living at No. 6, Ashley Road, Kowloon, who states that six men, some with revolvers, entered his house and removed property valued at \$55. The complainant and the other inmates were gagged whilst the robbers carried out a search. A Japanese, occupying a room in the same house, was out at the time, and the haul from his room comprised jewellery valued at \$137 and a telescope.

HIGH RENTS.

TENANTS TO PREPARE BIG
PETITION.

"ORDINANCE MUST REMAIN."

Interest in the Rents Ordinance is still acute but the majority of people are quietly waiting the promised discussion in the Legislative Council.

Last night the Tenants' Protective Association held an extraordinary meeting at which it was resolved that a public petition be drawn up and handed in to the Government.

Mr. Wong Kum-ying, chairman, gave the Association's main points in the petition as:—(1) statistics to be given to show the great difference between rentals of "old" and rebuilt houses, with localities and numbers of houses. Comparisons were to be made between houses of the same streets; (2) if the Ordinance was repealed, rents would be considerably increased and many of the poorer classes would be forced to join the ranks of the homeless; (3) the abrogation of the Ordinance would have far reaching effects on the business community. If rents were increased many shopkeepers would be forced out of business because any change of premises, especially removal to distant places, would entail loss of business and perhaps cause entire suspension; (4) labourers would also be seriously affected if the Ordinance was not renewed. It was well known that workers such as the coal coolies and earth carriers, preferred to live in certain localities, as near as possible to the places of their employment. Not only inconvenience, but hardships, would arise if they had to live elsewhere; (5) proof of the necessity of continuing the restrictions was provided by the overcrowded conditions in certain parts of the Colony. During the last few years the population of Hongkong had increased to such an extent that all new houses built during that period would have been occupied, if the rents had not been so high.

Peking, February 7.—A mandate issued today appoints Suo Pao Chi Tapan of the commercial ports of Shanghai and Woosung Yu Ho Toh is gazetted associate director of the port.—Reuter.

S. O. S.

PRESIDENT BOAT'S CALL.

AN UNLIKELY REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 8.

A message from Chio, Greece, states that an "S. O. S." was received from the American steamer, "President Harrison," which is bound from Shanghai for New York.

No advice had been received by the Hongkong office of the Dollar Steamship Line (operators of the steamer) when a "China Mail" reporter called this morning. Mr. E. L. Matteson, general agent for the company, expressed the opinion that the report was not true.

On January 5, the "President Harrison" arrived at Hongkong, from Shanghai, having previously left New York and passed through the Panama Canal. She sailed from Hongkong on January 6, arrived at Manila January 8, Singapore January 14, Penang January 17, Colombo January 21, Suez February 2, Port Said February 3, Alexandria February 4 and was due to reach Naples yesterday.

Should the report be correct, the "President Harrison" must have encountered danger prior to reaching Naples.

In the ordinary course of events, the "round-the-world" service would have been completed by a call at Marseilles and out into the Atlantic back to New York.

There are no Hongkong passengers on board the ship at present, the only ones who embarked here booking for Manila and Singapore.

WISH WYNNE.

CELEBRATED ARTIST AT THE STAR TO-MORROW.

All roads will lead to the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Tuesday night when Miss Wish Wynne and her clever company will open a short season in the course of a tour of the Far East.

That eminent essayist, E. V. Lucas, in his "Persons of Quality" in "Lolterer's Harvest," says, inter alia:

"Many a fine artiste has had to forget self and impersonate another before acquiring powers, and Wish Wynne is among them. Directly she assumes the guise of a down-trodden London girl the character is as clear and firm as an etching. These are her special forte: little London girls with a knowledge of life and a capacity for enjoyment, whose destiny it is to be misunderstood and put upon. It is a common type, and Miss Wynne makes it extraordinarily real. You remember her half-tones long after the stridencies of the evening are happily lost."

Each of the other members of the supporting company provide entertainment of a very high class order.

SILK STOCKINGS.

FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A CHINESE.

An unemployed Chinese was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with alleged felonious intent and with possession of a pair of stockings in respect of which he could not offer a satisfactory explanation. The accused was seized outside No. 9, Pakhoi Street, at 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, whilst in the act of climbing a drain pipe. The accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

ILLICIT OPIUM.

NINE MONTHS' JAIL FOR CHINESE.

An elderly Chinese, living at No. 614, Canton Road, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for possession of nearly three tael of non-Government opium. The accused had two previous convictions against him for breaches of the Opium Ordinance.

HEALTH OF COLONY.

The following cases of notifiable diseases were reported to the Medical Department yesterday:—Diphtheria: one case (Chinese.) Enteric Fever: two cases (Chinese.) Cerebro-spinal Fever: two cases (Chinese.)

"A GREAT STEP." AN OPIUM CONFERENCE SUCCESS. HOPES FOR FUTURE.

Failures "More Apparent Than Real."

Although the Geneva Opium Conference has failed to reach agreement upon many important points, it has at least one success to its credit.

HASHISH A DANGER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, February 8. At a plenary sitting yesterday afternoon, the Opium Conference passed the reports of the sub-committees, and after explanation by the Indian delegation, reserved for further consideration the question of hemp in connection with the inclusion of hashish in the list of dangerous drugs, also the question of heroin.



M. Toivola (Finland) submitting the report of the committee of sixteen on the American proposals and the British and French statements, said the failure to reach agreement was more apparent than real. The speeches at the morning's sitting of the conference by the British, French and Dutch delegates clearly showed that their Governments were ready to suppress the use of opium and agreed that the League of Nations should fix the date from which the period of fifteen years should run. If producing countries adopted a similar attitude the opium problem could be solved very soon.

On a resolution moved by Lord Robert Cecil, the Conference adopted the principle of the protocol of the second convention, with some modification of Article 1, with regard to the control of production and distribution of raw opium in order to satisfy the scruples of Yugoslavia, Turkey and Persia.

Lord Robert Cecil remarked that this was a great step of advance.

Mr. Sugimura declared that Japan would support all measures to improve the Hague convention.

CHINA EXPLAINS.

Later, in a letter notifying the withdrawal of China, Dr. See stated that the present conditions in



China unfortunately made it impossible for the Chinese Government to enforce effectively its policy of prohibiting the production of opium for other than medicinal and scientific purposes, but these conditions were only temporary.

The Government of China gave its assurance that it would not depart from this policy, and would exert all its power to enforce this policy independently of the action of the other Powers, and hoped the latter would make every effort to prevent the illegal traffic in opium and narcotic drugs, and would progressively suppress the legalised use of prepared opium.

EARLIER CABLES.

Geneva, February 7. The absence of the Chinese delegation at the opening of the plenary session of the second Opium Conference to-day was interpreted as meaning that the delegation had withdrawn from the Conference. However dramatic, the Chinese withdrawal from the Opium Conference caused no surprise. Doctor See was apparently embarrassed by Lord Robert Cecil's appeal to China yesterday, which is considered as one reason for China's withdrawal, inasmuch as it would have been difficult for Dr. See to respond thereto. The Conference in the morning noted the American memorandum and a letter of the President replying thereto, which paid a tribute to the active co-operation of the American delegation.

Outspoken criticism of the American attitude was, however, made by M. Loudon (Netherlands), who remarked that the Conference pre-supposed mutual concessions of goodwill, and added that Mr. Porter had not replied to any of the arguments the other side had advanced and further that the concessions to Americans would have harmed the League. M. Loudon declared that Mr. Porter had entirely ignored the Indian reservation and had never explained his own viewpoint. (Applause.)

AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL REGRETTED.

Lord Robert Cecil, regretting the American withdrawal before the announcement of the Conference's decision, alluded to the great assistance the Americans had given in the earlier proceedings. Lord Robert Cecil complained that the statement in the American memorandum implying that the Conference was called to give effect to the principles cited therein, required modification, and concluded by saying the nations would have been stronger with the continuance of American combination. "But without them we shall still continue confident that in the end right will triumph." (Applause.)

The President of the Conference read a letter from the Chinese delegation announcing their withdrawal on the ground that as no undertaking had been given to suppress opium smoking in Far Eastern territories, the delegation considered no good purpose would be served by its further participation in the Conference.

INEVITABLE.

London, February 8. The "Sunday Times" expresses the opinion that the withdrawal of the American delegates from the Opium Conference was always a possibility since the impracticable character of their proposals became known.

The newspaper considers that at the bottom of the American plan is the formidable increase in the use of drugs, especially opium, in the United States, since the adoption of prohibition.

The article also adds that the failure of the American delegates to allow for the difficulties of reconciling the divergent interests of the various countries on the opium question meant a temporary failure of the Conference, but not of the movement to check opium-smoking. The movement would still continue and the British Government, in the future, as in the past, would do its utmost to assist it.

While regretting the withdrawal of the Americans, "The Observer" says it cannot regret that other nations declined to enact prohibition, which could not have been enforced, but which would have merely stimulated illegal cultivation in Turkey, Persia and China.

After further speeches expressing regret at the withdrawal of the American delegates, the sitting was adjourned.

FATAL FIRE.

THIRTEEN PEOPLE KILLED

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, February 9. Thirteen people were killed and fifteen seriously injured, through the collapse of a wall during a fire in disused barracks at Beziers. The dead are mostly soldiers and firemen.

SHOTS AT SEA.

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED.

BIG LIQUOR CARGO.
(Reuter's Service.)

NEW YORK, February 8. Coastguardsmen have brought into harbour the British steamer "Homestead" laden with 12,000 cases of liquor, also the 28 members of the crew who were captured. It is understood the vessel was seized within "one hour's steaming of the shore."

It is reported that the coastguard ship fired several rounds from three pounders, wounding some of the crew of the "Homestead."

WHEAT PANIC.

SEQUEL TO YEAST KING'S DEATH.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, February 7. The skyrocketing prices of the wheat market, which during the last few weeks seriously alarmed European householders, broke severely yesterday, closing twenty points lower than last week's high mark. The sudden break is attributed to the action of the executives of the estate of the yeast king, the late Mr. Julius Fleischmann, who reported that they had dumped all his tremendous wheat holdings back on the market. Many smaller speculators have been wiped out and others have lost heavily. Mr. Fleischmann dropped dead whilst playing polo on February 2.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

PARIS, February 7.

Following a debate on the high price of bread, the Chamber passed a Bill which empowers the producers of bread and cereals to declare the amount of corn they hold in stock. The Bill lays down that only manufacturers and traders will be subject to State control; provides for the imposition of fines for false declarations or refusal of declaration; establishes a tribunal to direct the Government to provision the country by purchasing home grown cereals at a fixed price and also purchase from the Colonies or abroad and to arrange distribution; and lastly authorises the establishment of a credit fund of one hundred million francs for providing a corn reserve.

The Bill facilitating the bread supply was introduced and adopted by 332 votes to 223.

The Chamber passed a resolution by 328 votes to 225 expressing confidence in the Government and urging it to take measures to check the rise in the price of bread, requesting it to ask Parliament to pass a Bill providing for direct State purchase of home grown corn, the ultimate creation of corn reserves and the establishment of a corn office. M. Herriot intimated that the Government would immediately introduce a Bill dealing with the matter.

BROKER POET.

MR. THOMAS LAWSON DEAD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

BOSTON, February 8. The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Lawson, the financier. [Mr. Lawson, who was born at Charlestown, Mass., in 1857, began his business career in 1870 as a banker and broker. He soon became the director of several big companies. Mr. Lawson wrote a number of books upon financial and general topics. He also published a volume of poems.]

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ARMED ROBBERY.

PART OF JEWELLERY HAUL.

Charged with receiving a quantity of jewellery valued at \$300, being part of an armed robbery haul from No. 7, Lee Yuen Street, on August 29 last year, an unemployed Chinese was to-day remanded at the Kowloon Magistracy until to-morrow.

Approximately 1,250 new stamps have been issued by various countries during 1924. These included new values for the Protected State of Brunei, showing a view of "the Venice of the East."

BRITAIN'S OFFER.

EASY DEBT TERMS FOR ALLIES. NEW NOTE TO FRANCE.

Covering Our Obligations to America.

Exceptionally easy terms are being offered by Britain to her Allies for the payment of their war debts to the Empire.

British war debt to the United States but actually to apply the whole of the United Kingdom's share of the German reparations to that purpose.

This means that Britain not only takes to its own charge the whole of its own war damages but also \$800,000,000 of foreign securities devoted by her to the general effort before the United States entered the war.

In the application of the Balfour note to the existing situation, the Government, remembering that inter-Allied debts were incurred in a common cause, has been prepared to consider proposals under which the existing French debt to Britain would be reduced, provided the principle of definite payment by France from its own national resources should be fixed with due regard to her relative wealth and tax-paying capacity assured without reference to reparations.

The Government therefore holds the opinion that it might be found convenient for the French payments to be divided into (1) fixed annual amounts to be paid by France irrespective of the actual receipts from the Dawes annuities in a particular year; and (2) a further annual charge on the French share of the Dawes annuities.

It must, of course, be understood (1) that all counter claims by France against Britain shall be superseded; (2) if and when payments derived by Britain from European war debts and reparations were sufficient to provide a full discharge of British obligations to the United States over the full period of such obligations, including payments already made, any surplus would be used to diminish the burden of Britain's allies.

The Government hopes if the French Government is prepared to make proposals on the lines here suggested a settlement satisfactory to both countries might be reached.

[An earlier cable from Paris states that the proposed Parliamentary Commission to consider ways and means of paying the French war debts to Britain and America has been dropped in deference to the wishes of M. Herriot, who points out that Parliamentary action might hinder diplomatic conversations thereon, which have already begun.]

WHAT THEY OWE US.

TEXT OF THE NOTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 8.

The British note to France with regard to debts, states that the Government adheres to the principle of the Balfour note, but parts of Lord Curzon's note of August 11, 1923, referring to Mr. Bonar Law's proposals of January, 1923, clearly are no longer applicable to the existing fact of the situation, as they were written before the framing of the Dawes plan and on the assumptions that the total German liability would be fixed at a figure less than that adopted in the Dawes plan, and that bonds of the kind contemplated in Mr. Bonar Law's plan would be issued.

These assumptions are no longer tenable. The principle of the Balfour note is that Britain should receive from Europe payments equivalent to those she is in obligation to make to the United States. The Government cannot accept a position in which this principle can only be achieved upon the basis of a full, normal yield of the Dawes annuities or by taking at their face value debts which cannot at present be treated as good assets.

The Government has already consented not merely to reduce its claims against the Allies to the amount necessary to cover its own payments in respect of the Bri-

CONSUL'S DEATH.

FUNERAL OF DR. REMY IN CANTON.

FINE BRITISH TRIBUTE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 7.

Practically the whole of the Consular Body and many of Canton's leading citizens were present at the funeral, which took place to-day, of the late German Consul General, Dr. Erwin Remy, who died at the Canton Sanatorium on Thursday last.

Leaving the Sanatorium at 10 a.m., the cortege passed the British Steps at 10.15. The remains were put in a gig and towed by a launch kindly lent by Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, Commissioner of Customs, and taken to the Macao Fort Cemetery. Another Customs launch conveyed the mourners to the burial place. The coffin was draped with the German flag. Mr. Behrend (Vice-Consul), Mr. Hoeber (Chief Secretary) and Mr. Kanter (Assistant Secretary) were the principal mourners. The Rev. Mr. Huhn, of the German Mission, Fongchué, conducted the last rites.

Sir James Jamieson, H. B. M. Consul-General paid a glowing tribute to the deceased Consul. Sir James said that they could not have wished for a more capable, more sympathetic and more straightforward colleague.

Mr. Foo Ping-sheung, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and representing (Governor Wu Han-min and Dr. C. C. Wu) expressed sympathy on behalf of the Canton Government, eulogising Dr. Remy as a most courteous official and a personal friend.

There were also present the French Consul, the Portuguese Consul, Mr. Edwards, Mr. G. E. Osland-Hill, Postal Commissioner, General Wu Te-chen, Police Commissioner, Dr. Rummel, most of the German business community and many Chinese merchants and compradors.

FIVE DAYS' TALK.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS' CONGRESS.

CRITICISM OF HERRIOT.

(Reuter's Service.)

GRENOBLE, February 8.

The congress of the Socialist Party opened this morning. It is expected to last at least five days.

Considerable importance attaches to the big debate which the main issue will be whether to renew the Socialist Parliamentary Party's mandate to support the Government, as the rôle played by the Socialist deputies since M. Herriot's succession to office has been subject to a certain amount of criticism and the Party is not altogether unanimous over the matter.

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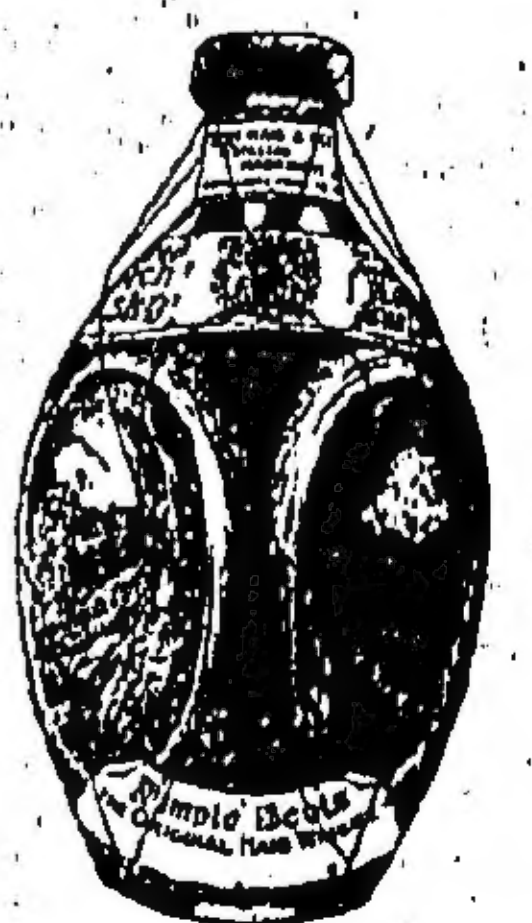
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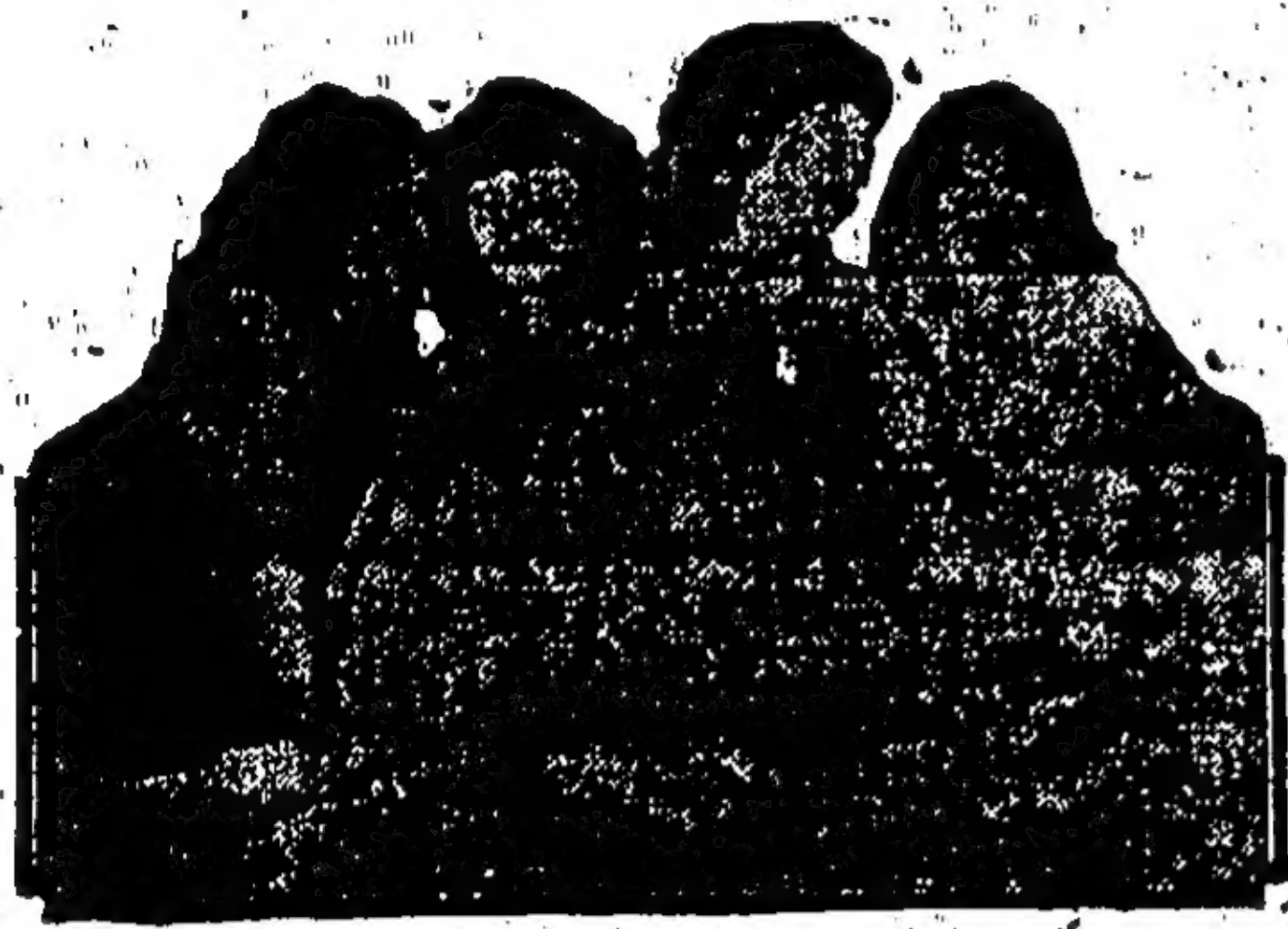
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CRICKET.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Of the four First Division League matches, the R.A. take pride of place by their victory over the East Surreys by four wickets. The Navy prevailed over Kowloon, on the latter's ground, by two wickets. The Hongkong Cricket Club "A" team were better than the "B" team by 57 runs; whilst the contest between the Civil Service and the Indian Recreation Club resulted in a draw—a virtual victory, however, for the former.

In the Second Division the Indian Recreation Club, on their own pitch, beat the Navy by four wickets.

In a friendly match the University Seniors defeated the Chinese Recreation Club, on the latter's ground, by eight runs after an exciting finish. The victory was largely due to Sir Claud Severn, who performed the hat-trick.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Division I.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C. "B."

Six Double Figures.

The two strings of the Hongkong Cricket Club—"A" and "B"—fought out a First Division match on the Club ground.

The "B's" took first lease of the wicket, but were dismissed rather cheaply for 69 runs. Seven wickets fell for 25 runs, but Bowker (20 not out) stayed the dry out with the aid of Armstrong (26). Vallack was responsible for five wickets for 25, and Young took four for 31.

The "A's" at the outset seemed as if they would fare little better, four wickets being down for 29 runs. Maus and Vallack, however, retrieved the position, scoring 29 and 20, respectively. Crutch added a useful 16 and Griffin 10 not out. The "A" team scored 126, thus winning the match by 57 runs. Bowker was the chief bowler, being responsible for five wickets for 41 runs. Hancock materially helped, taking four wickets for 37.

Scores:—

H.K.C.C. "B."

G. R. More, b Young	4
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Vallack	0
H. E. Hollands, l.b.w. Young	0
D. E. G. Nicholson, b Vallack	3
R. Hancock, b Vallack	7
L. D. McNicoll, b Vallack	0
A. C. I. Bowker, not out	20
W. W. Mackenzie, b Vallack	0
H. J. Armstrong, b Young	26
G. B. Hett, b Young	0
J. A. H. Plummer, l.b.w. Griffin	1
Extras	8
Total	69

Runs at fall of wickets:—18, 23, 38, 47, 51, 62, 75, 72, 84, 96, 109, 126.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Young	11	3	31	4
Vallack	10	1	25	5
Griffin	1	0	5	1

H.K.C.C. "A."

T. E. Pearce, b Bowker	6
A. W. Hayward, b More	11
Col. Matthews, b Bowker	0
M. M. Maus, b Bowker	29
G. R. Vallack, c Bowker, b Hancock	20
J. H. Crutch, b Bowker	16
L. A. Arthur, b Hancock	4
L. P. Ralph, b Hancock	9
F. N. Young, b Hancock	0
H. M. Howell, c McNicoll, b Bowker	5
H. Griffin, not out	10
Extras	16
Total	126

Runs at fall of wickets:—120, 2/20, 3/22, 4/29, 5/39, 6/103, 7/103, 8/103, 9/107, 10/126.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	16	3	41	5
More	8	2	32	1
Hancock	7	3	27	4

KOWLOON C.C. v. NAVY.

Home Team Lose.

Kowloon Cricket Club were at home to the Navy and lost by two wickets. The Kowloon side went all to pieces against the bowling of Cantrell and Hargreaves, eight wickets falling for the insignificant score of 81. Then a transformation came over the scene with the partnership of Raven and Overy (captain), which yielded 69 runs before Overy was held by Lake off Boyle. Goodwin carried his bat out for 49 runs. The whole side were dismissed for 107. Cantrell took five wickets for 41 runs, and Hargreaves a trio for 22.

The Navy started well, thanks to vigorous batting by Lieut. Com. Jotham (33) and Col. Cantrell (33), but the home side's attack was passed with six wickets down, stumps being

drawn with the score standing at 132 runs for eight wickets, the Navy thus winning by two wickets. Of the home bowlers, Overy was best, accounting for five wickets for 44 runs.

Scores:—

K.C.C.

A. W. Ramsay, b Cantrell	12
J. C. Lyal, b Hargreaves	12
R. C. Wickett, c Nicholson, b Cantrell	0
A. A. Daud, b Cantrell	1
E. R. Howell, b Cantrell	0
G. Lee, b Hargreaves	5
S. Jex, b Hargreaves	6
A. R. F. Raven, b Cantrell	1
F. Goodwin, not out	49
H. Overy, c Lake, b Boyle	26
W. A. J. Taylor, b Boyle	0
Extras	5
Total	107

Runs at fall of wickets:—1/8, 2/8, 3/19, 4/19, 5/19, 6/25, 7/31, 8/31, 9/100, 10/107.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	15	3	41	5
Hargreaves	12	4	22	3
Osborne	3	0	18	0
Suffield	2	0	12	0
Boyle	2	1	9	2

Royal Navy.

Lieut. Com. Jotham, c Ramsay, b H. Overy	33
Capt. West, c Raven, b F. Goodwin	10
Lieut. Com. Yonge, st. Jex, b H. Overy	9
Pay Com. Osborne, c & b H. Overy	9
Pay Lt. Com. Hargreaves, c Lee, b H. Overy	3
Col. Cantrell, not out	25
Capt. Lake, b H. Overy	19
Lieut. Boyle, not out	5
P. O. Suffield, c Lyal, b G. Lee	3
Mid. Freer, c G. Lee	1
Extras	15
Total (for 8 wks.)	132

Lieut. Nicholson did not bat.

Runs at fall of wickets:—1/25, 2/60, 3/63, 4/70, 5/77, 6/109, 7/112, 8/122.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyal	7	0	22	0
Goodwin	14	3	33	1
Overy	10	0	44	5
Lee	3	0	13	2
Wickett	1	0	5	0

C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.

The Indian R.C. were the guests of the Civil Service C.C. in a league match. Unfortunately for the home side, who were placed in a favourable position by putting up a total of 207 runs for four wickets, a victory which was assured was not realised owing to time intervening.

Batting first, Sayer and F. J. de Rome treated the bowling with contempt, and the partnership produced over 70 runs, when the latter, who had scored 29, was smartly held at long slip by A. el Arculli. The first named batsman continued to give a good account of himself and proved a thorn in the side of the opposition. At time of the innings being declared closed, he was still unbeaten with 94 runs to his credit. Baker also compiled 43 in quick and easy style.

The visitors made a good start, but Evans being once again to the fore with the ball (he secured five wickets for 30 runs) and Hamilton being also well placed for attack (two wickets for 11 runs), they had scored only 89 runs for seven wickets when play was stopped.

Scores:—

C.S.C.C.

G. R. Sayer, not out	94
F. J. de Rome, c A. el Arculli, b Bhoola	29
B. D. Evans, c & b Bhoola	13
E. C. Fincher, c Omar, b F. M. el Arculli	16
F. Baker, b A. el Arculli	43
Extras	12
Total (for 4 wks., declared)	207

F. E. Lawrence, A. R. Sutherland, E. W. Hamilton, F. H. Holdman, E. B. Reed and F. J. Ling did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bhoola	20	2	61	2
A. el Arculli	14	5	64	1
F. M. el Arculli	10	1	26	1
Madar	6	1	13	0
Rumjahn	3	0	15	0
J. A. S. Curran	2	0	16	0

I.R.C.

A. H. Rumjahn, c Baker, b Hamilton	23
S. H. Ismail, c Hamilton, b Evans	25
A. H. Madar, st. Holdman, b Hamilton	7
H. D. Rumjahn, c Holdman, b Evans	0
A. el Arculli, l.b.w. Evans	1
U. M. Omar, not out	1
A. H. Bhoola, b Evans	5
J. S. A. Curran, st. Holdman, b Evans	2
O. Ismail, not out	14
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wks.)	89

The Navy started well, thanks to vigorous batting by Lieut. Com. Jotham (33) and Col. Cantrell (33), but the home side's attack was passed with six wickets down, stumps being

S. A. Ismail and F. M. el Arculli did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	5	0	20	0
Ling	5	2	5	0
Baker	4	0	15	0
Evans	9	2	30	5
Hamilton	6	1	11	2
Sayer	1	1	0	0

EAST SURREYS v. R.E.

In a First Division league match on the Army ground, the East Surreys were beaten by the Royal Artillery.

The Surrey's batted first, and put up a total of 73 runs. Childson (22) and Holliday (14) were the only batsmen to stand up against a quartette of effective bowlers, the most successful of whom was the Gifford, who secured three wickets for nine runs.

In the Artillery innings, which realised 136 runs for six wickets when stumps were drawn, some fast scoring was seen between Major Hattersley-Smith (23) and Lt. Smith (33), who put up 54 runs between them before the latter was bowled by Kent. Lt. Smith's 33 included six fours.

Henslowe played a faultless innings, making 35, including seven fours.

Scores:—

East Surreys.

Capt. Kent, b Henslowe	4
Pte. Holliday, b Henslowe	14
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, c Gifford, b Henslowe	0
Lt. Childson, c Hattersley-Smith, b Clayton	22
Lt. Cpl. Clark, l.b.w. Gifford	5
Lt. Alfie, b Clayton	0
Pte. Davies, l.b.w. Gifford	1
Capt. Rowe, c Page, b Smith	11
Bdm. Wood, c Gifford	9
Pte. English, b Smith	5
Bdm. Turnham, not out	1
Extras	1
Total	73

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Henslowe	6	0	29	3
Gt. Clayton	11	1	23	2
Sgt. Gifford	8	3	9	3
Lt. Smith	3	0	11	2

R.A.

Capt. Bensley, c & b English	4
B.S.M. Page, b Rowe	8
Lieut. Smith, b Kent	33
Major Hattersley-Smith, c Stripp, b English	23
Capt. Bennett, run out	3
Lieut. Henslowe, run out	35
Sgt. Gifford, not out	12
Gnr. Clayton, not out	16
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wks.)	136

Capt. Parkes, Gnr. Dyer and Gnr. Jackson did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Rowe	10	0	40	1
Pte. English	6	0	36	2
Capt. Kent	4	0	16	1
Lt. Cpl. Clark	3	0	15	0
Bdm. Wood	3	0	17	0
Pte. Holliday	2	0	10	0

Division II.

I.R.C. v. NAVY.

Easy Indian Victory.

The Indian Recreation Club entertained the Navy at Sookm-poo, and triumphed by four wickets.

The Navy went to the wicket first and shaped very well indeed, their score reaching 155, of which A. B. Pearce was top scorer with 66, which included thirteen fours. Others to gain double figures were Engr. Lieut. Bennett and Lieut. Peyton (21 each), Sgt. Fuller (14), and E. A. Taylor (10).

S. A. R. Ismail took six of the wickets for 34 runs.

Nothing daunted by the respectable total against them, the Indians played vigorous cricket and passed the visitors' total for the loss of only five wickets. Eventually stumps were drawn with their total carried to 178 runs for six wickets, the match thus being won by four wickets.

N. B. Kitchell scored 47, as did A. R. Minu, whilst Madar contributed 29, Wahab 23 (not out), and D. Rumjahn 21. Minu had ten fours to his credit. Kitchell, seven, Wahab five, and Madar four. Pearce and Bennett shared the bowling honours with three wickets each.

Scores:—

Navy.

Mid. Simms, c Ismail, b Minu	8
Corpl. Shaw, c Ismail, b Minu	4
A. B. Pearce, c & b Ismail	66
Engr. Lieut. Bennett, c Rumjahn, b Wahab	21
Lt. Madar, c Minu, b Ismail	21
Lt. Peyton, c & b Ismail	21
Rev. Hamilton, c & b Kitchell	4
Sgt. Fuller, not out	14
Mid. Smyths, b Ismail	10
E. A. Taylor, c & b Ismail	10
Sgt. Neil, c Rumjahn, b Ismail	0
Extras	1
Total	155

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Siraj Khan	5	0	32	0
A. R. Minu	5	0	22	2
Y. A. Wahab	4	0	29	1
E. A. Moosdeen	6	3	16	0
S. A. R. Ismail	22	0	84	6
N. B. Kitchell	8	0	11	1
M. P. Madar	1	0	10	0

I.R.C.

M. P. Madar, c Neil, b Pearce	29
N. B. Kitchell, c Shaw, b Pearce	47
S. A. R. Ismail, b Bennett	21
D. Rumjahn, c Shaw, b Pearce	21
A. R. Minu, b Bennett	47
Sirdar Khan, c & b Bennett	0
Y. A. Wahab, not out	23
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wks.)	178

E. A. Moosdeen, S. Cassambhoy, S. A. Bux, and V. Espina did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shaw	8	1	35	0
Pearce	15	1	49	3
Bennett	13	0	62	3
Smyth	3	0	13	0
Simms	3	1	4	0

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

C.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

Sir Claud's Hat Trick.

Two very interesting features were witnessed at this match played on the Chinese ground yesterday. Sir Claud Severn, playing for the visitors' performance, the "hat trick" towards the end of the home team's innings. Two of the wickets were bowled, while the other was caught. Of the six wickets taken by Sir Claud five were in the last three

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

What must be considered a very disappointing week-end for football took place on Saturday for no less than three games were scratched owing to the opposing teams not turning out. The games were St. Joseph's "A" v. St. Joseph's "B," China "B" v. Drums in the Second Division, and Tamar failed to put in an appearance against the R.A. in the First Division. It is to be hoped that the powers that be will make an example of the defaulters.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

League—Division I.
Surreys 1 Kowloon 0

League—Division II.
Recreio 4 Club Res. 0
Surreys 6 Sacred Heart 0
China "A" 0 University 0
Kowloon 3 Recreio "B" 3

In the Surreys—Kowloon game play was of a very scrappy order, and was not one-wayed as expected from First Division football. The Soldiers were without Eaton, Woodbridge deputising, whilst Kowloon were without McKelvie, Clemo, and Knight. Caville, Randle and Hyde taking their place.

The first half was very even both sides attacking in turn and chances were missed by both forward lines. At half time there was no score.

The second half was noticeable for the weakness of the Kowloon forwards in front of goal; time and again they had good chances to test Douglas but dallied long enough to be robbed by the defence. Butler was responsible for the Surreys goal scoring from well over twenty yards out with Reed in a position to save but lacking the knack to know how. Toward the latter end of the game Kowloon had some good chances to draw level, but their shots lacked sting. Result: Surreys 1, Kowloon 0.

SECOND DIVISION.

Playing on the Club ground the "Recreio" "A's" had a very easy victory scoring twice in each half without taking the game at all seriously. Gosomo played well for the winners whilst Lyon and Johnson did well for the Club although they lacked support from their other players.

China "A" v. University.

This game was marred by two opposing players coming to loggerheads and having to be ordered off the field by the Referee. It is rather a pity that the only time the University have turned out at full strength for several weeks they lose a player by such uncalled for methods. Neither side put any heart into the game, and the consequence was there was no score when the final whistle went.

Surreys v. Sacred Heart.

Although they were without Woodbridge, who was playing in the First Team the Soldiers proved much too strong for the School boys scoring six times. Three in each half. Rodgers scored two. Robinson, Pascotti and Cornwell one each, whilst Adal added to the total by putting through his own goal.

Kowloon v. Recreio "B."

What was expected to be a very good fought-out game turned out to be the case, when Kowloon met Recreio "B" on the former's ground on Saturday afternoon. Both sides were out to annex the points and the result was undecided right up to the end. The final score of three goals each was a fitting end to the match as both sides were evenly matched.

The game commenced with the Recreio eleven forcing the pace and before Kowloon had settled down they were through. From a nice forward movement Pereira scored with a nice shot that quite beat Stewart. Kowloon forced a corner. Bishop put in a lovely centre but Millard headed behind. Kowloon still continued to press and it was not long before they scored. Bishop passed to Fitz-Gerald who metted with a lovely shot that gave Fernandes no chance. This put both sides on their mettle, with Kowloon endeavouring to obtain the lead. Hast put in a nice shot but Fernandes cleared. Recreio then got going and making a nice rush Ribeiro scored, thus giving them the lead again. Millard obtained the ball and looked dangerous, but hesitated the Recreio back giving a corner. Hast put in a nice centre and Millard scored with a nice shot, just before half-time.

Half-time, 2 all.

The second half saw much better football. In the first there

was far too much fouling on both sides, but the Referee soon stopped it in the second half by cautioning one of the players, concerned. Kowloon started the pace still endeavouring to get the lead. Bishop put in a nice centre to Millard which looked like a certain goal, but the Recreio backs managed to clear. Kowloon, however, had the ball back again immediately and Fernandes had hard work to get it away. Recreio then got started; Ribeiro went down but hit the side of the net. Kowloon forced a corner and continued to press, with Recreio tiring.

Fitz-Gerald had a nice opening but missed, Millard then looked like scoring but Recreio gave a corner. Hast put in a nice corner shot and from the scramble near the goal mouth which ensued, Trambitzky saw his opportunity and scored.

Recreio started once more and forced a corner. Fitz-Gerald gave a corner again from the kick. Remedios, on the second try, put in a fine shot and Recreio were unlucky in not scoring. Kowloon then got going once more and again forced the pace. Recreio obtained no advantage from a corner kick, but determined to draw level and Spary saved the situation. Pereira put in a nice shot but Stewart cleared. Kowloon then forced a corner. Bishop put in a lovely centre but Fernandes managed to get the ball away. With only five minutes to go to time, Ribeiro obtained the ball and made a solo effort; beating both backs he went right through and scored, drawing the score level just before time.

Goals: Kowloon—C. Stewart; W. H. Parvut and W. H. Brown; A. Spary, A. W. Brown (Captain) and G. H. White; V. Hast Trambitzky, C. Millard, A. Fitz-Gerald and A. Bishop. Recreio "B"—L. Fernandes; L. A. Gomes and S. M. Cruz; A. E. Carvalho, L. A. Carvalho and J. M. Pinna; A. Remedios, C. R. Pereira (Captain), F. W. Ribeiro, H. A. Silva and C. Barretta.

RESULTS TO DATE.

First Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Surreys	12	11	0	1	38	8	22
China "A"	13	8	2	3	29	13	18
Kowloon	12	6	1	5	26	14	13
Club	12	6	1	5	21	12	13
R.A.	13	4	3	6	12	19	11
Tamar	10	5	0	5	15	23	10
China "B"	12	4	1	7	16	16	9
China "A"	13	0	0	13	6	54	0

Second Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rec. "A"	17	15	1	1	88	21	31
Surreys	16	14	1	1	53	10	29
St. Joseph's	15	10	1	4	30	20	21
Drums	16	10	1	5	36	21	21
Kowloon	17	9	1	7	34	30	19
China "A"	17	5	7	5	30	32	17
Rec. "B"	17	4	4	9	24	38	12
Club	15	4	3	9	32	11	12
Sacred Heart	15	3	1	10	20	44	9
University	16	3	3	10	14	45	8
China "B"	16	2	4	10	12	46	7
St. Joseph's	14	1	5	8	9	44	7

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FOWLER CUP FINAL.

An immense crowd gathered on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club to witness the final in the Fowler Cup competition at Rugby football between the Navy and the Club XI. The Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" played before the match and during the interval with much acceptance.

The match was keenly fought out, but it was obvious that both teams were labouring under keen excitement throughout, and the play was far below standard yet perhaps no worse than most Cup finals when all the players are unstrung and too anxious to emerge victorious, with the result that many golden opportunities of scoring go begging.

The teams turned out as follows:

Royal Navy XV.

Telegraphist Mortimer, H.M.S. "Ambrose"; Lieut. Comdr. Bower, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; S. P. O. Foster, H.M.S. "Ambrose"; Lieut. Comdr. Lyle, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; Lieut. Montgomery, H.M.S. "Hollyhock"; A. B. Dowden, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; Captain Mercer, H.M.S. "Despatch"; Lieutenant Gould, H.M.S. "Froguise"; Paymaster-Lieutenant Hussey, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; E. R. A. Woods, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; Sub-Lieutenant Gibson, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; Lieut. Sherwood, H.M.S. "Titania"; Lieut. Billings, H.M.S. "Hawkins"; and Supply C. P. O. Vincer, H.M.S. "Tamar."

Gawler; Skinner, Stewart, Forsyth, and Summerfelt; Clerk,

and Morrison; Ralston, Beyeridge, Fockon, Mackintosh, Russell, Jones, Hendle and Lee. Referee: Capt. S. H. Feary, D.S.O.

The Navy commenced to press from the outset, and looked as if they would carry all before them, the Club defence being hard put to it to ward off their attacks. The onslaught was too vigorous to be unproductive, and it was no surprise when a try was scored, but unfortunately it was not converted. As it turned out, however, this was the only scoring of the whole match, and perhaps the Navy were a trifle lucky to get their blow in so early in the game. The Club responded with a counter-attack, but a free for the Navy eased the latter's position. A series of beautifully judged passes, pretty to watch, on the part of the Navy, raised the enthusiasm of the crowd, but it came to naught, as did another piece of fine work on the same lines, a free to the Club resulting in the transfer of play. The Club took up the attack and got down to nearly three-quarter field, only to see the ball sent back by the Navy defence, which was very safe throughout. It was noticeable that the Navy was the stronger of the two teams in the scrums, but rank selfishness on the part of one of their players in the Club's territory undoubtedly lost them some points. Half time arrived with the scores standing: Navy 1 try (3 points), Club nil.

As in the first half the Navy were the first to assert themselves on the resumption of the game after a very short interval. Their kicking, however, was erratic, and not once but several times was the ball sent over the line instead of out over to the centre or toward the Club's goal. The Club experienced some very anxious moments, following a break through by the enemy near the touch lines, and it was only the tugging of selfishness that averted a score. Moreover, the Club's defence was putting up quite a good fight, and did all that was humanly possible to prevent the score being increased. On the other hand, the Club forwards turned the tables on the Navy by breaking through once or twice, and excitement ran high as a score from the Club seemed imminent. However, it was not to be, in spite of the demonstrations of the crowd in their favour. Toward the end the Club were having slightly the better of the exchanges, in spite of the weight of their opponents, but their scoring sheet remained a blank up to the call of time, which left the Navy the winners by the narrow margin of three.

Final scores: Navy 1 try (3 points), Club nil.

The result perhaps justly reflects the difference between the two teams, although, as stated above, the Navy had more opportunities for scoring, of which they did not take the fullest advantage. The Club played pluckily throughout and are to be complimented on keeping the score down so low under all the circumstances. They lost, it is true, but they were by no means disgraced.

YACHTING.

RACE ROUND ISLAND.

At the second attempt, the race round Hong Kong Island was accomplished yesterday, although not in ideal conditions. Eight boats started and got well away together and tacked against an east wind up to Lyemum. La Cigale was first through the pass, followed by Coquette, Azuma and U. and I. in that order. The wind changed to south-east and fell away a little for the reach down to Cape D'Aguilar and after Cape Colinson a heavy swell was met and U. and I. made up time on this stretch and the first boats were round the south-east corner of the Island in the following order, La Cigale, U. and I., Coquette, Azuma and Feather.

The run along the south side promised well but after Aberdeen the wind failed and it was a struggle to reach Green Island. La Cigale found the conditions the whole way round very much to her liking and she took her second first this season, being followed in by Azuma, U. and I. and Coquette. The detailed results are as follows:

Boat	Cours.	Corrected	Finishing	Pts.	Pos.	Date
La Cigale (1) scr.	4	11	2	19	64	
U. and I. (2) 36 n.	4	35	3	17	65	
Coquette (3) 52 m.	4	43	45	16	67	
Azuma	10 m.	4	54	37	15	40
Feathers	48 m.	5	10	52	41	61
Norseman	56 m.	5	13	20	13	61
Irene	52 m.	5	5	10	12	50
Oenone	52 m.	6	26	43	11	49

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Sanitary Board meets tomorrow. An item on the agenda is the consideration of an application for permission to erect 21 water closets and 11 urinals in the Y.M.C.A. building at Kowloon.

The sessions of the American Court for China are to be resumed shortly, stated Judge M. D. Purdy on his return to Shanghai from Canton. He expects to give a decision in the case of Lieut. Murray v. Lieut. Murray, and yet another shortly, while further evidence is to be heard in Shanghai in the instance of Long v. the Asia Banking Corporation. Mr. Peyton Griffin accompanied Judge Purdy on his return.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Hawkins" held a fancy dress carnival dance in the Seamen's Institute on Saturday evening. The "Hawkins" Dance Orchestra provided the music.

The F.M.S. Government has added a sum of \$4,000 to the vote Agri-Horticultural Show and Trade Exhibition, being a grant toward the Exhibition to be held in July at Kuala Lumpur.

On February 23, two land sales are to take place at the P.W.D. offices. The first will be New Kowloon Island Lot 991 (situate at Shamshui), the area of which is 1,725 square feet and the upset price \$5,175; while the second is New Kowloon Island Lot 971 (situate at Cheung Sha Wan), comprising 24,750 square feet, the upset price being \$18,560.

An agreement between the Malay States and the Siamese Governments for facilitating the working of railway traffic is published in the F.M.S. Government Gazette.

A bill to be introduced into the Legislative Council consolidates and amends the law relating to the restriction of the export of rubber. The main object of the bill is to introduce into the Province Wellesley, the Dindings and Malacca the ledger account system for the export of rubber, which is in force in the F.M.S. and has been found to operate successfully there.

According to reliable reports from Chinese banking sources now available after the New Year settlement, it is found that the native banks in Hongkong, by reason of the bankruptcies of business firms and other outcomes of the continuous civil wars, have borne losses during the year amounting to almost \$3,000,000. In consequence it is foreseen that many native banks will either have to be reorganised or cease business in the present year.

At the instance of Mr. Taylor, head of the Preventive Service, Capt. Mackenzie, master of the "Hong Hwa," and Mr. Lim Kian Beng, agent of the same vessel, were prosecuted and were each fined \$500 and costs by Mr. David at Singapore on the 30th ult., on charges of the "Hong Hwa" being used for the importation of opium valued at \$68,500. The opium was discovered on board by Mr. Capel in one of the holds of the vessel.

Trouble with certain members of the Indian section of the Hongkong Police Force culminated this morning in the sending back to their native country of six constables and a sergeant.

One case of small-pox and one case of cerebro-spinal fever both Chinese, were reported on Friday.

The Canadian National Railways agent sends some attractive literature describing the scenic wonders of Canada.

Two bears were born the other day at the Botanical Gardens in Manila. At latest reports both mother and twins were doing well. City Gardener Egan, who is official nurse to the young cubs, says they will be brought up on bear brand milk.

With P 450,000 made available from this year's public works funds by the Philippine Council of State recently, the ambitious programme of providing every municipality with an artesian well as part of the island-wide sanitary campaign can now be continued, according to A. D. Williams, Director of Public Works, of the Philippines.

The first general meeting of the H.K. University Law Society, when Mr. G. W. Keeton's address on "Legal Opportunities in China" will be delivered, has been postponed to Friday, February 13.

Newton W. Gilbert, former vice-governor of the Philippines, told the Foreign Policy Association in New York on January 31, that he did not favour Philippine independence at the present time because of the economic problems involved.

Leo Koretz, sentenced on December 4, to serve from one to ten years in the state penitentiary after being convicted in a \$2,000,000 Panama-oil swindle, has since died in the prison hospital at Statesville, Illinois, from diabetes.

A Reuter cable from London states that the Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery in a speech at Liverpool, referring to the Singapore Base, said, "At Singapore, we stand on the line that carries all the shipping of the Far East. Clearly it is a direct influence on the peaceful security of the Empire that we should be in a position to guard that shipping. If we do so, our action is not aimed at any other Power, least of all at an old and faithful ally, towards which, today, our goodwill and friendship are as strong as they ever were."—Reuter.

A report has been made in Peking of the loss of 2,300 guilders alleged to have been sent to Peking by a Chinese in Doh. It appears that the money, which was forwarded to a certain firm in Peking was paid over as directed by the sender and a receipt taken. When, however, no advice of the money having been received was sent to Meilin, enquiries were made by the sender and it was found that the money had been paid and a receipt given. It was subsequently discovered that the person who received the money was not the person stated in the receipt and that the document was not genuine. Enquiries are being instituted by the police.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Baroness Pittinghoff passed through in the s.s. "Morea," en route to Colombo.

Mr. F. H. Crappell has been appointed acting Secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

Dr. Fluzler, Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate in Singapore, is transferred to Strasbourg as Swiss Consul and leaves Singapore to take up his new appointment in March.

Miss Mary S. Fraser, of the Ebenezer Mission, and formerly of the Language School in Peking, died recently at Miyang, in Honan Province, where the work of the Mission is carried on.

Miss Carmen Papa, daughter of Dr. Ramon Papa, former president of the Manila Municipal Board, was last Tuesday proclaimed Queen of the 1915 Manila Carnival, after the counting of ballots had been completed in the presence of a huge throng at the Carnival grounds.

Mr. W. N. C. Allen arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai on the P. and O. s.s. "Morea," accompanied by Mr. John Sharp, son of Mr. James Sharp, an executive director of the Bradford Dyeing Association. Mr. Allen is on a business trip to Hongkong and will return to Shanghai about the end of the month.

As the clergy and Catholics of Hongkong are still mourning the loss of their beloved Bishop, the Right Rev. Gratian Genaro, who died a year ago, they now must mourn the death of another valuable member, in the Rev. Roger Vovi, Procurator of the Mission, who died on January 25. He was respected throughout the Hongkong district.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—Mr. David Grenmond Gow, widower, chief clerk of the Kowloon Dock Company to Miss Mary Reid, Ensign, 13, the Peak; Mr. John MacKenzie, broker, No. 5, South View Avenue, to Miss Hannah Wong, No. 7, Seymour Terrace.

The consecration of Dr. Gilman as Suffragan Bishop of Hongkong will be held on March 4, at St. Paul's Cathedral. The chief consecrator will be the Right Rev. F. R. Graves, D.D., Bishop of Shanghai, who will be assisted by two other American bishops, the Chinese Bishop of Hongchow, and by English and Canadian bishops.

Mr. H. Lachlan, agent of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., in Formosa, has sailed for Vancouver, en route to Britain.

The newly appointed German Consul to Singapore, together with his consular officers and a number of German merchants, will arrive in Singapore this month.

Among the passengers who left for Home by the P. and O. s.s. "Morea," besides those mentioned in our Saturday's issue were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. P. Todd, Mr. W. E. Douglas, Miss S. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Capt. and Mrs. P. Jewett, and Capt. G. H. Bromwich.

It is authoritatively stated in Moscow, says a Reuter cable, that M. Unsicht, former Vice-President of the Cheka, and a member of the Revolutionary War Council, succeeds Mr. Frunse as Vice-Commissar of War. Under the Tsarists, M. Unsicht was many times arrested and deported. He was President of the Petrograd revolutionary committee during the October revolution.

A Reuter cable from Melbourne reports that J. W. H. T. Douglas, the well-known cricketer, touring with the M. C. C. team in Australia, experienced a narrow escape from death in a motor accident on Saturday night. The motor car, in which Douglas was returning at midnight from a banquet given in honour of the M. C. C. team, collided with another vehicle. A man named Baker, a leading Melbourne sportsman, who was driving the car, was killed outright. The only injury sustained by Douglas was a bruised elbow, which is not serious.

The funeral took place on January 26 at Lokawel Cemetery of Mr. C. J. Ghoulis, who for 27 years was a member of the French police, Shanghai, and subsequently became a park keeper at Koukaza Park and Verdun Garden. A detachment of Annamite policemen followed the coffin to the graveside. With the death of M. Ghoulis Shanghai loses one of its familiar figures, for he had lived there since 1880. Five years after this date he joined the French police. On resigning from the force in 1921, he became park keeper at Koukaza, which position he occupied until his death. He leaves a widow and six children.

Sir Edward Pearce returned to Shanghai by the "Empress of Russia."

The wedding of Mr. Sidney Moss, popular local barrister, and Mrs. May Morton, took place at Shanghai on January 31 in St. Joseph's Church on Rue Montauban. The Rev. Fr. McDonald, S. J., performed the ceremony. Mrs. Morton was attended by Mrs. Roland Haskell and Doctor W. Findley was best man. The ushers were Messrs. Cornell S. Franklin and Frank Chamberlain.

The retirement from business is announced of Mr. H. Percy Smith, of the firm of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, owing to increasing ill health. An official notification of the dissolution of the partnership and the new arrangement appears among to-day's advertisements. Mr. Fleming's interest in the Hongkong firm ceases, and likewise Mr. Seth's interest in the Manila firm. Mr. J. Hennessey Seth carries on the "practice" in Hongkong on his own account, in the firm name and style of Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, incorporated accountants. The retirement of Mr. W. L. Leask from the firm of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, architects and civil engineers, is also officially notified.

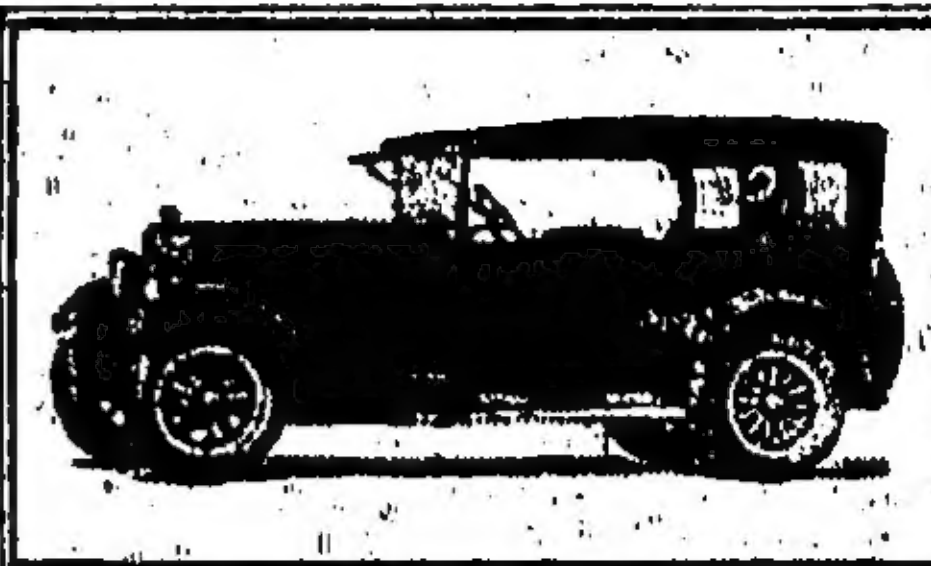
Judge Charles S. Lobingier, former judge of the U.S. Court for China, has been recently appointed to form a permanent association of members of the American bar who are interested in the practice of comparative and foreign law in America. He has also been elected a charter member of the Council of the American Law Institute which is financed by the Carnegie Institute and is devoted to the purpose of effecting a restatement of American law with a view to ultimate codification. Judge Lobingier is at the present time engaged in completing subjects relating to extra-territoriality and international law, which he had previously been engaged upon for the American Law Book Co., publishers of legal encyclopedias in the United States. Since Judge Lobingier's arrival in America last year he has attended many conferences, conventions, and personally superintended the sale of some timber land which he owned in Southern Missouri, says the "China Weekly Review."

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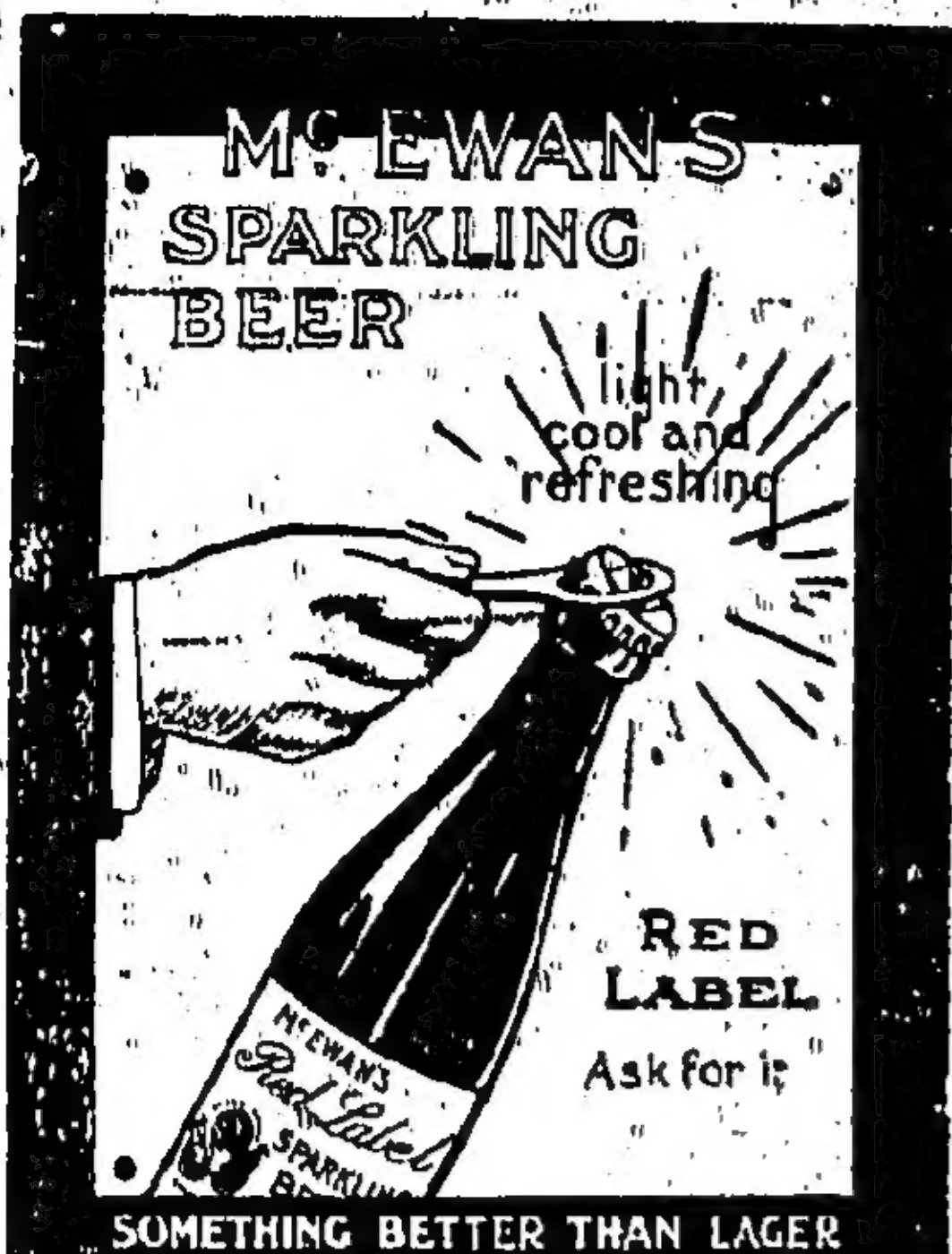
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NEW MANDATE FOR WIVES.



MRS. BETTY GLUCK, MRS.

A wife has first claim upon the affections of her husband, a New York Magistrate told Mrs. Betty Gluck, wife of a vaudeville actor, when she was arraigned on a charge of annoying a feminine friend of her husband. The magistrate dismissed the complaint and told Mrs. Gluck she has a right to annoy any woman who attempts to trifle with the affections of her husband.

Killed His Mother.



RICHARD SMITH, MRS.

Richard Smith, 17-year-old youth, has confessed that he killed his mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, fifty-seven, who was found dead in bed with two bullet wounds in her body, after a New Year's Eve family party at her home. Although he steadfastly declined to say why he shot his sick parent while the other members of the family made merry on the floor below, relatives say it was because she refused his demand for \$10.

AN AEROPLANE CURE.



JOSEPH KLING, MRS.

Joseph Kling, deaf for nineteen years after an attack of scarlet fever, tried a novel means of restoring his hearing. He persuaded an army pilot to take him aloft in an aeroplane and dive suddenly. The test was made, but no change in Kling's condition was noted.

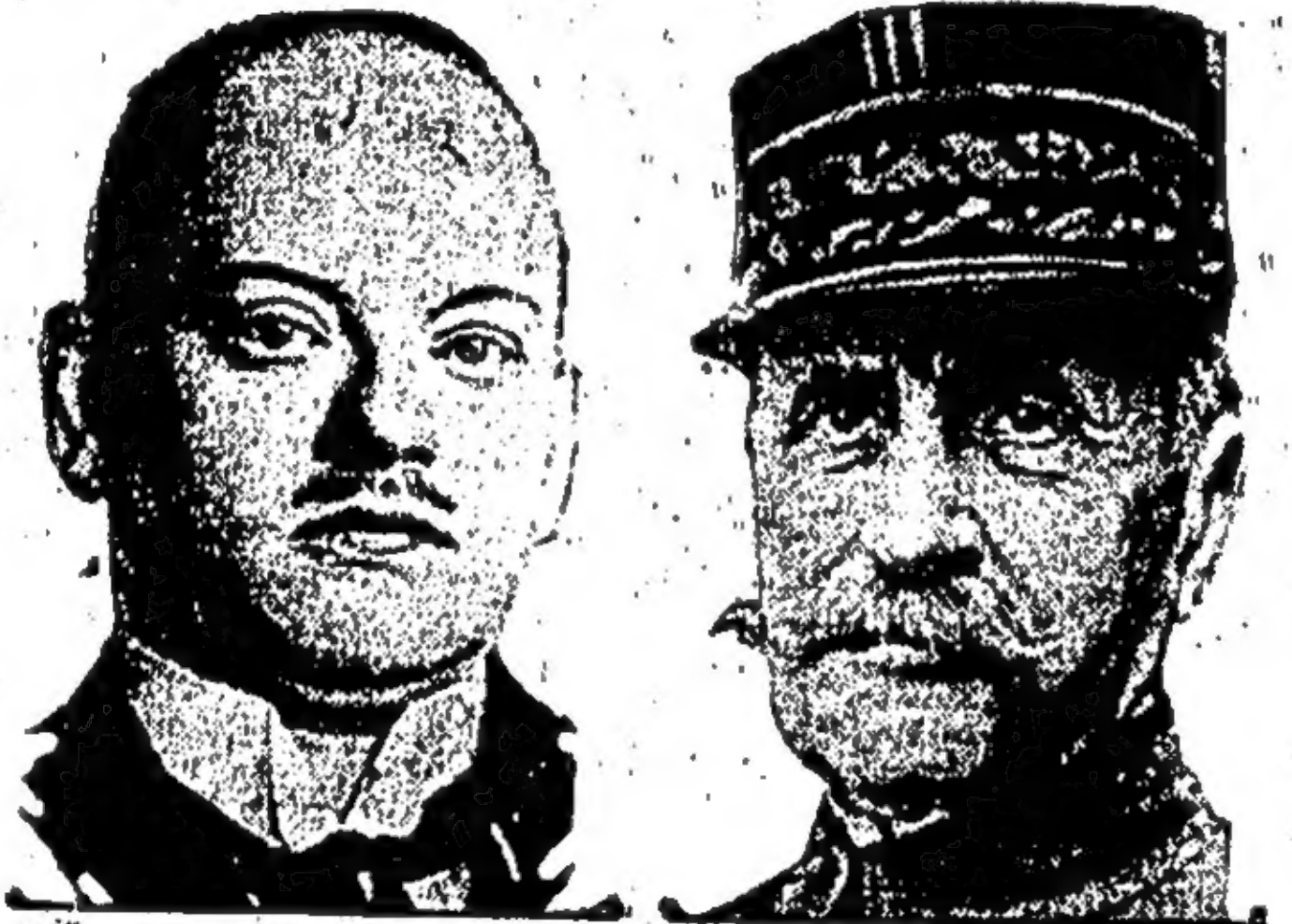
Death Threats.



MRS. GEORGIA BULLOCK, MRS.

Numerous anonymous threats of death have been received by Mrs. Georgia Bullock, first woman police judge ever to be appointed in Los Angeles.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



ABOVE: ALLAN RYAN & MRS. ALLAN RYAN. BELOW: GUSTAV STRESEMANN & MARSHAL FOCH.
Mrs. Sara Ryan has divorced Allan A. Ryan, spectacular young financier, naming a "Mrs. Jane Doe," correct name unknown, as co-respondent. Germany has "honestly disarmed," and the intention of the Allies to maintain their troops of occupation in Cologne "has stirred the German soul to its innermost depth," the Foreign Minister, Herr Gustav Stresemann declared, adding "The action of the Allies means a disavowal of those who fought the battle of trust against distrust and put through the Dawes plan, despite warnings that, even after Germany had accepted, Cologne would not be evacuated." Meanwhile, word has come to Marshal Foch, who commanded Allied forces during the war, that Germany has organized, secretly, an army of 800,000 volunteers and has sufficient arms and munitions hidden with which to equip them. That, under the surface, is said to be the reason for the decision of the Allies not to withdraw troops of occupation from Cologne.

Gentile Governor.



GEORGE DORN, MRS.

Governor-elect George Dorn is said to have been the first Gentile ever elected Governor of Utah. All the other Chief Executives of the State are said to have been Mormons or Jews.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



ABOVE: ANDREW W. MELLON & PEGGY MARSH. BELOW: MARGARET M. PATRICK & QUEEN ELIZABETH.
Negotiations for the funding of the \$4,000,000,000 French war debt to the United States have been begun between the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew W. Mellon and M. Etienne Clementel, French Minister of Finance. A note sent to Mellon suggests a ten-year moratorium and states what the French Government believes France will be able to do in the nature of payments. Payments after the moratorium, it is understood, would cover a period of eighty years, with interest at one and one-half per cent. "Peggy" Marsh, ex-actress, has married again, according to word from London, the bridegroom being Keld Fenwick, captain of the Royal Horse Guards and lord of the Manor of Witham, in Lincolnshire. Unless the United States secures a more adequate air force, an enemy fleet with aircraft would find little difficulty in "walking into New York," Major-General Mason Patrick, Chief of the Army Air Service, told the House Appropriations Committee in Washington. The army, Patrick said, had but 1,121 airplanes; many of them not fit for service. An epidemic of influenza or grippé, sweeping Belgium with many fatalities, has struck Queen Elizabeth, heroic consort of King Albert. Her condition was reported as "fairly serious." The King himself has been slightly affected and the Premier, M. Theunis is reported recovering from an attack of the malady.

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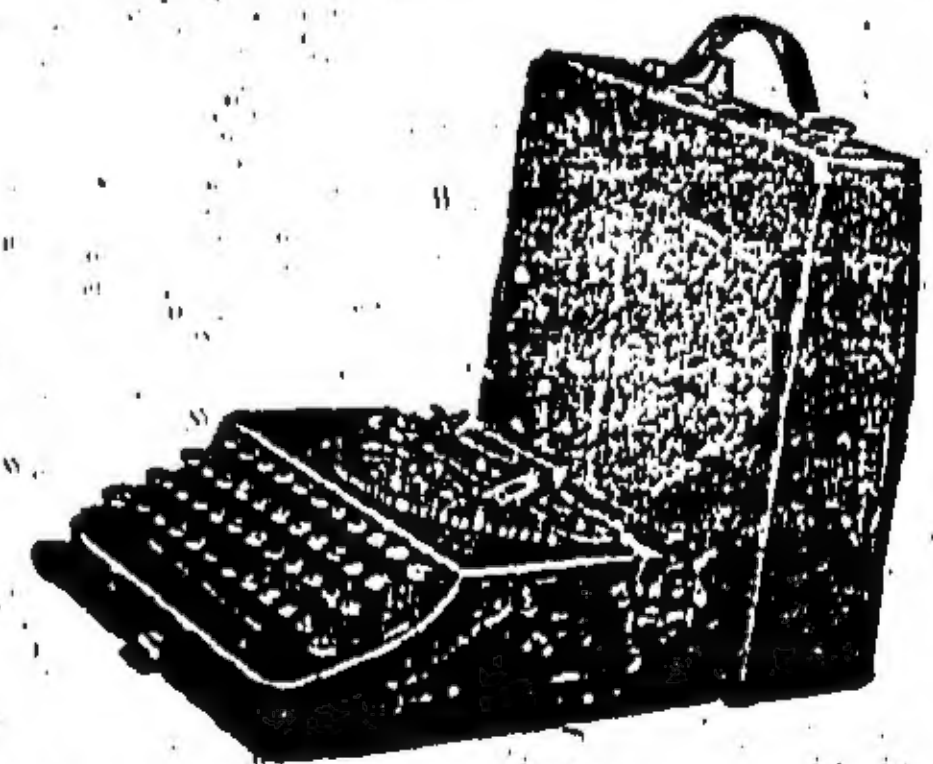
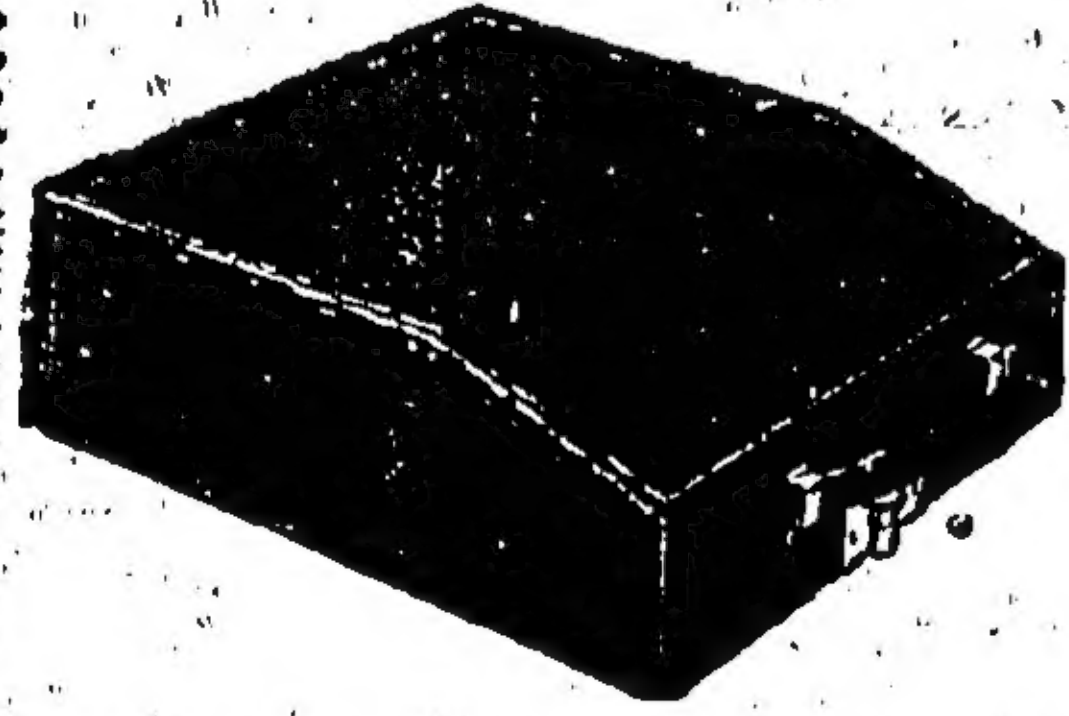
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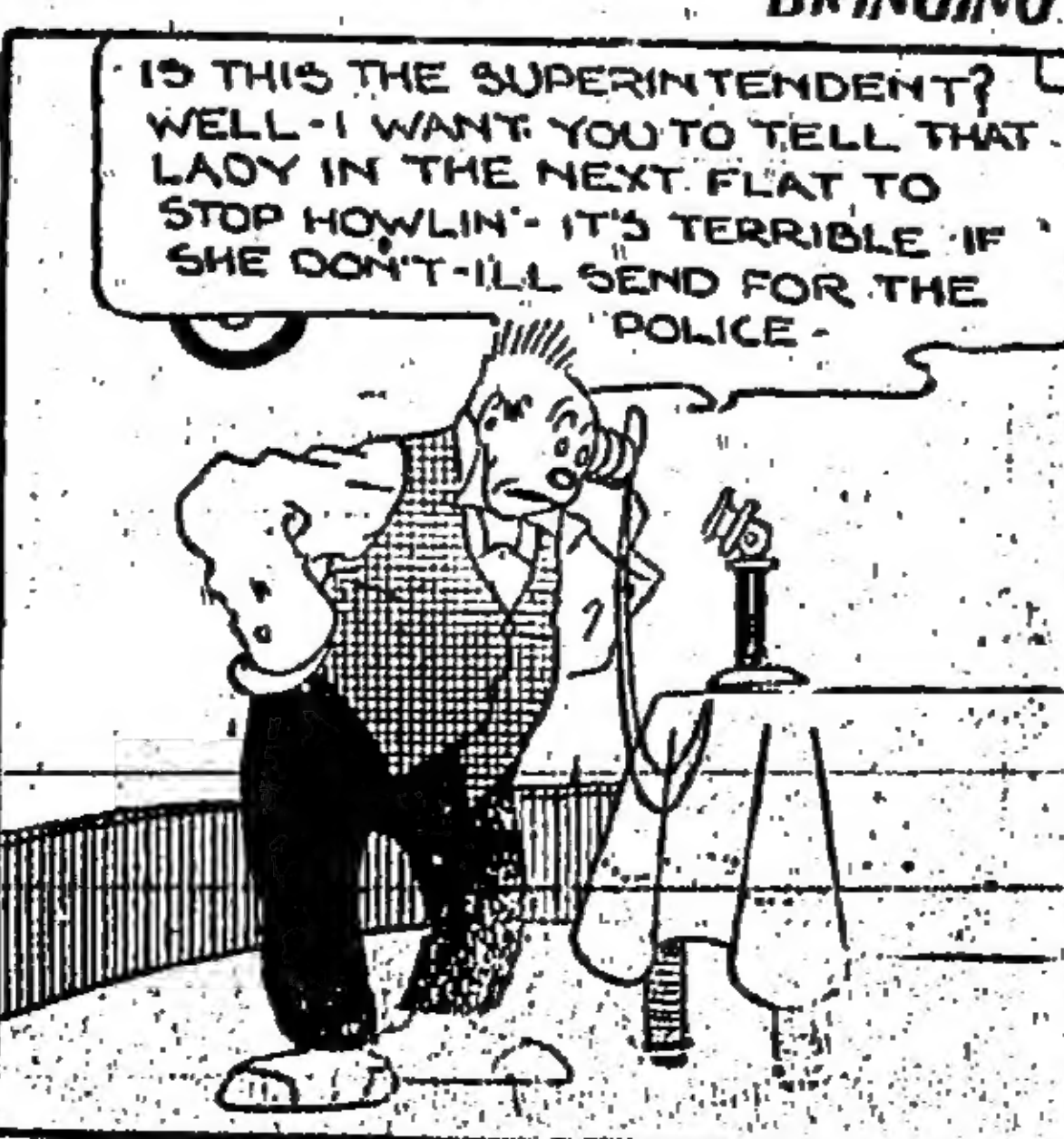
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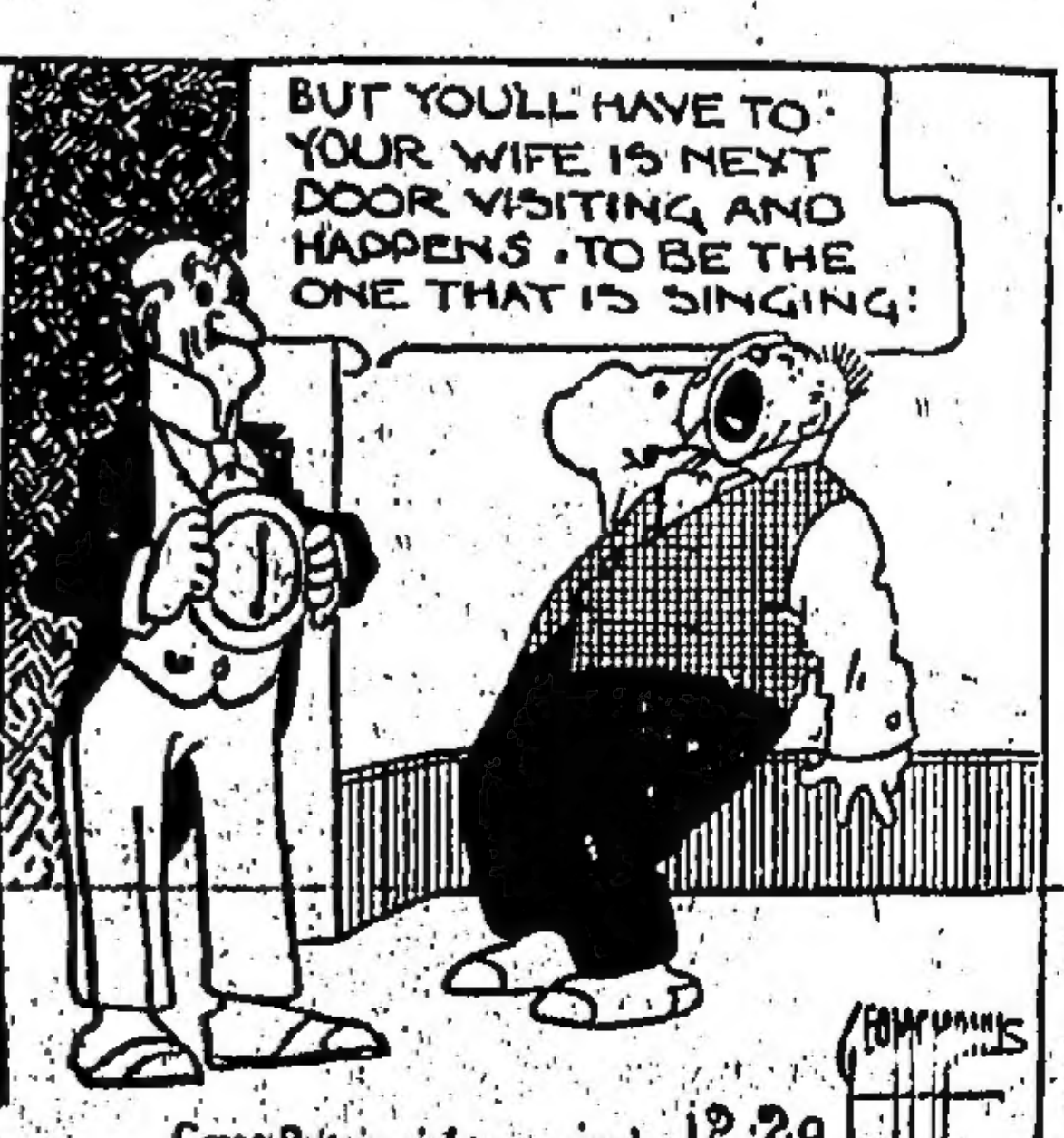


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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Coast Merchants

Matsu & Co., 5, Queen's Road Central.
Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1643.

Fung Shie Ming & Co., (General Merchants, Colliery & Steamship Owners) 44, Des Voeux Road Central, Phone C. 229.

Dentist

Harry Fong, Dentist.
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central, Tel. Central No. 1355.

Engineers & Shipbuilders

W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.
Engineer and Shipbuilders.
Kowloon Bay.
New Work and Repairs.
Call Flag "L."

Fertilizer

Barbours Agricultural Fertilizer Co., 40, Jervois St.
Tel. Cen. 204. Sole agents for Kowloon-King of Fertilizers.

Glass Merchants

A. Ling & Co., Glass Merchants.
Furniture, Mirror and Glass Marble.
Manufacturers, Electroplated, Glass and Crockery Wares and Photo Supplies. 19, Queen's Road Central, Tel. Central No. 1219.

Hotels

Palace Hotel, Kowloon—Corner of
Hulphong and Hankow Roads. Few
minutes from ferry.

Importers & Exporters

Kwong Sun & Co., 58, Queen's Road
Central, Ho Chi Chung (Manager),
Kwong King Him (Asst.) Tel. Cen. 5169.

Land & Estate Agents

Pan Yick Cho, Land & Estate Agents.
Tel. Central 111-1947.
27, Queen's Road Central.

Modistes

Madame Fhat.
31, Queen's Road Cen. Tel. Cen. 589.
(Latest Parisian models).

Optician

The Hongkong Optical Co., Phone, 3332.
85, Queen's Road Central.

Photographers

Mee Cheung, Photographer.
41, Lee House Street.
Beaconsfield & Made Branch.
Developing & Printing undertaken.

Printers

"The China Mail" General Printers,
Publishers and Bookbinders.
8, Wyndham Street. Tel. C. 32.

Rubber & Wood

Tan Kahke & Co., 20 Connaught Rd. W.
Manufacturers of Rubber Sole and
Singapore Wood. Tel. Central 4473.

Ship Chandlers

E. Ling & Co.,
25 Wing Woe Street. Tel. Central 1113.
Metal Merchant—Ship Chandlers.
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chin.

San Cheung, Comptrollers

General Provision Store.
Naval and Military Contractors.
No. 58, Praya East, Wanchai.
Telephone No. 5781.

Shoemakers

Jam Kee, Dealer in Sewing Machines
and Accessories, Foot & Shoe Maker.
7 Pottinger Street.

WONG SIU WOON
BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS FOR
LADIES' GENTS AND CHILDREN.
PRICES MODERATE. TEL. 1474.
No. 21, POTTINGER ST.

LEE YEE.

HAIR DRESSING
SALOON

Spring, Batterick Quarterly.
Spring, McCall's Quarterly.
Spring, Standard Designer
Quarterly, Wonders of the
East (complete set) Animals
of all Countries (complete)
Children's Encyclopedia
(complete) Household
Encyclopedia (complete)
World's Library of Best Books
(New) Romance of Famous
Lives (New) Home Doctor
(New) Countries of the World
(New) Best Way Series (all
numbers)

No. 12, D'Aguiar Street.
HONGKONG.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" on
Feb. 7—Mr. J. A. Naylor, Capt.
and Mrs. F. G. W. Newbury, Mrs.
A. Royle, Mr. G. Bowack, Col.
Greenfield, Mr. C. H. Foy, Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Marchant, Sir and Lady
Skinner Turner, Mr. C. J. Scott,
Mr. and Mrs. Eytan, Mr. and Mrs. A.
J. Pratt, Miss Pratt, Mr. and Mrs.
W. P. Cubitt, Mr. F. J. Gregg, Dr.
E. D. Smith, Miss L. C. Grand,
Miss K. Brown, Mr. H. Beech, Mr.
J. B. Easter, Miss G. Gustafson,
Dr. Chen, Ta, Miss Clutterbuck,
Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, Miss Millican,
Miss Speyer, Capt. Dumphry, Mr. R.
F. Hall, Mrs. Sills, Mrs. I. H. Mc-
Michael, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Murray,
Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pritchard, Miss
G. Becker, Mr. L. Schipper, Mr.
Mc Sutton, Mr. F. E. Wilkinson,
Miss A. Harding, Mrs. L. W. Ward,
Miss M. Ward, Dr. J. H. Pell, Mr.
A. K. Thadani, Miss E. Geary, Mr.
R. T. Powie, Mrs. S. H. Grantham,
Dr. and Mrs. R. Meeker, Prof. G.
W. Sarvis, Mr. W. Dorfmann, Miss
E. M. Cuthbertson, Mrs. E. F.
Nisbet, Miss H. Santor, Mrs. H. H.
Fox, Mr. and Mrs. N. Eadie, Mrs.
Kettle, Miss Leveson, Mr. J. E.
Newton, Mr. A. P. Blunt, Mrs. H.
E. Reynell, Miss Champion, Mr.
Reeves, Mr. N. Murray, Miss E. M.
Varley, Mr. J. H. Village, Mr. G.
Parker, Mr. F. J. Myerscough, Mr.
and Mrs. J. J. Scobie, Miss G.
Becker, Mr. W. J. Beekingham, Mrs.
E. E. Lucan, Mr. G. Chen, Mr. J. B.
Taylor, Mr. Y. L. Lee, Miss W.
Brown.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Wai Shing, (Br.) J. M. & Co.,
from Shanghai, Swatow.
Chinkiang, (Br.) B. & S. from
Shanghai.
Teau, (Br.) B. & S. from
Bangkok, Swatow.
Sun Li, (Port.) Hang Kee, from
Kwang Chow Wan, Macao.
Botoria (Nor.) K. Larssen, from
Keelung.
Lerke, (Nor.) Pak Tai, from
Singapore.
Henrik, (Nor.) Thoresen & Co.,
from Bangkok.
Drufer, (Nor.) Larssen, from
Saigon.
Legazpi, (Span.) Botelho Bros.,
from Kobe, Shanghai.
Song Bo, (Fren.) M.M., from
Haiphong.
Tjondari, (Dut.) J. C. J. L.,
from Batavia.
Hwah Cheng, (Chi.) Thoresen
& Co., from Keelung.
Eng Lee, (Chi.) Yue Tai Hong,
from Saigon.
Wo Sun, (Chi.) Pak Hong, from
Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Emil Kirdorf, (Ger.) R. Brockel-
mann, for Hamburg, Manila.
Borneo Maru, (Jap.) O. S. K., for
Yokohama, Kobe.
Sodegaura Maru, (Jap.) Y. K. K.,
for Canton.
Wa Sun, (Chi.) Pak Hong, for
Shanghai.
Tak Hing, (Chi.) Fook Hai, for
Canton.
Tai Lee, (Br.) Yue Tai Hong, for
Fochow.
Chenau, (Br.) B. & S., for Bang-
kok, Hongkong.
Vulcanus, (Dut.) A. P. C., for
Swatow.
Troilus, (Br.) B. & S., for London,
Singapore.
Elida Clausen, (Nor.) Sato & Co.,
for Bangkok.

The grave of a Lithuanian
magnate has been discovered near
Wilna with hidden treasure includ-
ing a golden crown, which is
believed to be the crown of the
old Lithuanian kings.

STUFFY COLDS.

Mothers, why allow "snuffles" and
stuffy noses to distress your
babies when quick relief follows the
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A cable reached the Colony from
London on Saturday announcing
the death of Mr. John Isaac Plum-
mer, M.A., who, for twenty years,
was Chief Assistant at the Royal
Observatory in Hongkong. He
was the father of Mr. J. A.
Plummer, Managing Director of
Messrs. Bradley and Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, and of Mr. Frank
Smyth, who is now residing at
Osted, Surrey.

The late Mr. Plummer retired
from Government service in Hong-
kong in 1911. He was born on
February 3, 1845, and was thus
just 30 years of age at the time of his
death. He was M.A. of Durham

University. Before coming to
Hongkong in 1891 he had held
appointments as Chief Assistant
at Glasgow Observatory (1865);
Observer, Durham Observatory
(1867); Astronomer, Orwell Park
Observatory (1874); and was with
a Government Astronomical Ex-
pedition to Bermuda in 1882. From
1874 he had been a Fellow of the
Royal Astronomical Society. He
was Chief Assistant at the Observa-
tory here under Dr. Doberck, who
retired in 1907, and who is still on
the Colony's pension list, and later
under Mr. F. G. Pigg, who died
some few years ago.

The late Mr. Plummer was the
author of various astronomical
papers, including an "Introduction
to Astronomy" published in Lon-
don in 1873. Shortly before his
retirement he delivered an interest-
ing public lecture here on "The
Origin of Typhoons" which he
subsequently elaborated and published.